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CHRISTMAS MAILING.

Suggestions as to Manner of Best Forwarding Packages.

SEND EARLY AND WRAP WELL.

The Address of Both Sender and One Sent to Should Be Plainly Written. Good Plan to Register All Packages. Other Suggestions.

The Christmas rush at the postoffice is beginning. Within the last few days the mails have grown to large proportions and when the carriers start out in the morning they have the appearance of veritable Santa Clauses. From now until after Christmas they will have more than they can do to get out the mail promptly.

Every year there is a considerable amount of Christmas mail sent out that can not be delivered. This is owing largely to the fault of senders, the address often being wrong and sometimes being omitted altogether. If the following rules are observed, mail can hardly go astray.

Write name and address plainly on the package, also name and address of sender on upper left hand corner. Most important of all, if package is valuable, register it. To register a package costs but eight cents in addition to regular postage, and Uncle Sam guarantees to deliver registered packages safely or pay its value up to \$25, if it is not delivered or can not be found.

Wrap Securely.

A few words of caution as to wrapping packages are particularly appropriate at this time although they are good at all times. First wrap them securely. Flimsy and soft wrappers, insecurely tied are responsible for the majority of packages going astray. If an article is worth giving at all, it should be properly wrapped and tied in paper sufficiently strong to withstand the wear and tear of transit through the mails. The greatest cause of delay and loss is because people persist in sealing or fastening the wrapper. By so doing, they make the package unavailable at the rate of one cent an ounce. Sealed packages are first class matters and subject to letter rates. Packages may be securely tied with a string but positively must not be sealed to go at package rates. Another source of delay and miscarriage of mail is incorrect and illegible addresses, the omission of postage stamps and other errors, trivial in themselves, but sufficient to cause the package to be lost or go astray.

Some Regulations.

It is worth while to recall that the limit of weight of a package is four pounds, except in the case of single books, exceeding this limit, and that size does not especially figure unless the package is intended for foreign lands, and then size counts and there are special rules which should be carefully inquired into at the postoffice. Most anything, not harmful in itself, or to the mails, like explosives and offensive articles, may be sent in a package by mail from cut flowers to geological specimens, queen bees and lady bugs, when properly packed. The packing of articles, out of the ordinary, should always be inquired into at the postoffice, as certain articles are barred when not properly packed, and are admissible when packed according to regulations. Upon the package write no more than the address, and write that plainly and fully, and you may put your own name and address preceded by the word "From," in fact, it is a good plan to do so in all cases, but no more than that is allowed.

The postage must be fully prepaid by stamp affixed on all packages and they should not be placed on the back of the packages; sufficient room should be left on the face of the package for this purpose. An excess of four pounds may be sent if letter rate is fully prepaid thereon. It is not advisable, though not prohibited, to attach tags written thereon, as the tags may be torn off, and the package, in consequence, sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Rates of Postage.

First class—Letters and all matter sealed from inspection, two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Second class—Newspapers and other publications, one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof.

Third class—Books, circulars, printing, plants, seeds, one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

Fourth class—All merchandise properly wrapped and sealed, one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof.

If these few rules as to packages are observed, much loss of time, property and money will be saved, to say nothing of the annoyance of making inquiry and tracing lost packages.

New Grocery.

Mrs. John O'Connell has opened a grocery at her home on North Main street where she will be pleased to meet her friends. Tobaccos, cigars, Christmas candles and bread will be a feature of the little enterprise.

TOWANDA MAN TO HAVE WIFE ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY.

William Sweet Tells Elmira Police About Family Affairs.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Friday night two men went into the City Hall at Elmira, and asked to speak with Captain Hartigan. One of them said that he was William Sweet, of Towanda, and that he was a lumberman by trade, says the Advertiser. In 1900 he said that he married a woman named Bessie Johnson in Waverly. He said that he lived with his wife for a year and then she left him. He found soon afterward that she had married a man named John Gordon, in Sayre, Pa.

He said that he did nothing about this, as he did not wish to cause trouble for his wife or the man who had married her. Gordon claimed that the woman told him that she was single. She lived with this man until this year, when she became tired of him also and left his home, so it is alleged. All trace was lost of her for a short time and then it was found that she was living in Elmira with a man named Cain. In spite of the way he had been treated by the woman, Mr. Sweet did not care to do anything about the matter, but let it drop. He found a short time ago, he says, that his former companion was saying things about him that made him angry and he resolved to see what could be done about the case. He had been told by a friend that he could have the woman arrested for bigamy, but he did not like to do this. As the talk about him continued, however, he determined to take some action. He came to Elmira Friday on business and having some time to spare that evening, he went with his friend, who is in the lumber business with him, to the police station to get the advice of some of the officers there.

He told the Captain that during the day he had gone to the home of Cain and had a talk with him. He did not get angry, he said, but spoke with the man as a friend. He advised Mr. Cain not to keep the woman any longer, as she had already been married twice and was imposing on him. "While I was at Mr. Cain's," said Sweet, "the woman came into the room where we were. I didn't speak or show that I saw her, but as soon as she saw my face she fairly flew out of the room." Cain said that he had been legally married to the woman and could show the marriage certificate in Waverly. "I have stood this talk about me as long as I can," said Mr. Sweet, "and I have heard that the woman says that I can not do anything to her. I intend to show her that she is greatly mistaken and in the morning I am coming before the Recorder to swear out a warrant for her arrest on the charge of bigamy. It will cost me nothing and will protect me from her attacks in the future."

MRS. EUNICE CHUBBUCK.

Aged Lady With Many Relatives in Bradford County, is Dead.

The Daily Independent-Times of Streator, Ill., dated Monday, Nov. 14, contains a notice of the death in that city of Mrs. Eunice Chubbuck, widow of Orlando Chubbuck, Esq. Mrs. Chubbuck has many relatives in this county. The Streator paper says of her: "She was born in Rome, Bradford county, Penn., Jan. 25, 1817, and was in her 88th year. She was married March 27, 1844, to Orlando Chubbuck and soon after came west, settling on a farm near Long Point. "About 34 years ago the family moved to Streator, where Mr. Chubbuck enjoyed an extensive law practice up to the time of his death about four years ago. "Three children resulted from this union, only one of whom, Orlando F. survives. There are also two grandchildren, Paul and Lorena. There are two sisters and a brother in Pennsylvania, each of whom is over 80 years of age. "Mrs. Chubbuck was a member of the M. E. church for many years, her beautiful christian character making friends of all who knew her. She was exceedingly domestic in her tastes, entirely devoted to home and family, caring little for society and its pleasures."

Death of Mrs. Ryan.

Mrs. Catherine Ryan, a life-long resident of Troy, died Dec. 11, aged 67 years old. Her husband died some years ago. Besides the son whose death occurred at Elmira last week there survive the following children: Alice, Mrs. M. J. McNulty; Catherine, Mrs. T. F. Reidy, of Williamsport; John E., of Corning, and Patrick J., of Elmira. The funeral was held from St. John's church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Connolly officiating.

S. L. & S. Dividend.

The directors of the State Line & Sullivan railroad company have recently declared a dividend of one percent on their capital stock. This amounts to about \$9,000. An equal amount has been paid to the trustees of the mortgage for the redemption of bonds, reducing the bonded indebtedness to less than \$100,000.

JOHNSON FOUND GUILTY

AFTER BUT SEVENTEEN MINUTES DELIBERATION, OF

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Hard Fought Trial Lasting Eleven Days Resulted in Conviction of Charles Johnson.

JURY TOOK BUT TWO BALLOTS, STANDING ELEVEN TO ONE FOR FIRST DEGREE AT THE START—VERDICT RENDERED IN THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES AFTER CONCLUSION OF JUDGE FANNING'S CHARGE—EVIDENCE TAKEN IN THE LAST FOUR DAYS. ARGUMENT OF COUNSEL AND CLOSING SCENES OF THE TRIAL—NEW TRIAL TO BE ASKED.

"Guilty of murder in the first degree," was the verdict rendered at 5:40 o'clock on Saturday evening by the jury that for 11 days had listened to the evidence in the case of Charles Johnson, on trial for the murder of Maggie B. Johnson.

The verdict was reached in 17 minutes after the jury retired to their room, and but two ballots were taken. It is understood that but one member voted for a conviction in the second degree on the first ballot. In 35 minutes after leaving the box the verdict had been recorded by the court. This is the first verdict of first-degree murder rendered in Bradford county since 1886 when Thomas Galvin was convicted of wife-murder. Galvin subsequently secured a new trial and on pleading guilty in second degree was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

Taking the Verdict.

It was the general opinion that at least an hour or two would be taken by the jury in reaching a verdict and when it was announced to the court that an agreement was reached the court house was nearly deserted. The attorneys interested were summoned, the prisoner returned from the jail, and in a very few moments a crowd that half filled the big room had assembled.

Deputy Prothonotary Schrier commanded the prisoner to stand up, and then asked the jury, "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon your verdict?" The reply came in unison from the twelve men, "We have." "What is your verdict, guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty of murder in the first degree," was the answer.

The prisoner's attorneys then asked that the jury be polled. In answer to his name each jurymen stood in his place and in reply to the prescribed formal question gave his verdict. The court then briefly thanked the jurors for their patience and discharged them.

The Prisoner Unmoved.

The man most concerned was the least moved of any person present from all appearance. He maintained the same stolid composure and appearance of utter lack of appreciation of the situation that has marked him throughout the trial. As turnkey Jennings started to lead him back to the jail Mr. Lilley shook him by the hand and said that he would come to see him soon. Johnson smiled and replied "All right."

At the jail in the evening he sat smoking his pipe and would talk but little to the reporter who sought to interview him. In reply to the question he said that he did not have a fair trial, and when asked in what particular it appeared to him unfair, answered, "Oh, in a good many ways."

TRYING TO PROVE ALIBI.

That Was the Endeavor of the Defense Last Week Wednesday.

To prove an alibi for Charles Johnson was the effort of the defense in the trial last week Wednesday. Alanson and Nancy, his young brother and sister, both denied in whole their alleged confessions or statements, and the entire family of William B. Benjamin, for whom the prisoner worked at the time of the crime, went on the stand and testified that Charles Johnson did not leave their house from some time between 5 and 6 o'clock on the Sunday night until the next day.

The day was a somewhat exciting one, the expectations of the big crowd and all connected with the case being at a high pitch because of the presence on the stand of two of the family indicted for the crime.

Blood on Alanson's Shirt.

Alanson was recalled in the afternoon and questioned about there being spots of blood upon his shirt sleeve. He declared that the shirt he wore the day of the fire he had worn for about two weeks and wore it for nearly a week after, or until he changed it to go to the fair.

He declared there was no blood upon his shirt sleeve until Guy Hollon put it there. If Hollon called attention to blood upon his sleeve he didn't remember it. The witness alleged that he had the nose bleed long before the fire. Hollon had taken the shirt. There was no washing at his

took them. She learned of the fire on Monday morning.

Asked by Mr. Maxwell if she saw any men about Maggie's house on that night she replied, "No," and declared she was not there. She stated that on the Monday she rode with Richard Benjamin near Wysox. Swore she never told him she saw suspicious men about Maggie's house, and never said, as the commonwealth alleges to Alice Benjamin, that "I'm awful sorry for Little Annie; I don't care so much for Maggie, but I did when Annie cried 'Don't kill me; don't kill me!'"

She vehemently denied telling William Barnes that she believed three or four men had gone to Maggie's house, struck her down; that Annie ran and was caught, killed and brought back. Next day she had accused Barnes of telling something she had not said, and declared she did say to him she believed that Maggie had money and that she had been killed for it.

Turnkey Frank Jennings was called and asked if Mr. Hollon had not told him the court had said he should be allowed to take the prisoners from the jail for examination. Mr. Jennings swore that Hollon had told him he thought the court would sustain him in taking the prisoners out.

Chemistry in the Court Room.

The defense then called B. S. Lancaster of C. B. Porter's pharmacy, to identify a phial each of tincture of guaiac, peroxide of hydrogen and tincture of iron. He proposed to have the chemicals combined before the jury, promising to produce the blue color denoting blood without the presence of blood, and also to duplicate the experiment with blood by a man to show that the test given by Dr. D. L. Pratt was fallible and no test at all. For this purpose Lester R. Pierce, Lilley & Wilson's law clerk, was put upon the stand. Much argument was had over the admissibility of this matter, the court permitting it to be done.

Mr. Pierce proceeded to put the chemicals together, using a piece of white blotting paper upon which to show them, but failed to produce the results. With a drop of blood from Mr. Lilley's own finger, he did produce a showing of color identical with Dr. Pratt's exhibit.

Dr. C. H. Ott of the Sayre hospital, was in court as a spectator and was called. He said he was not familiar with the guaiac test at all. He explained that a constituent of the blood called hematin, acted upon by the chemicals produced the color, but that the admixture of iron would also produce the same result. Dr. Ott stated that the infallible test for the presence of blood was the use of the spectroscopic and the microscope.

Color Test Performed.

The session in the afternoon opened with Dr. C. S. Means of Towanda, upon the stand. He had performed the guaiacum test for blood, and proceeded to give a demonstration before the jury with a combination of guaiac and peroxide of hydrogen, and then with the two named and the addition of tincture of iron, producing varying shades of blue lighter than the blood test. On cross examination it was shown that the text books on this blood test stated that a shade of blue would result from the combination of the chemicals.

CONFESSIONS DENIED.

Prisoner Repudiates Every Part of the Statements Made to Hollon.

The chief witness of Thursday was the prisoner himself. After being sworn he gave his age as 26 years, and under Mr. Lilley's careful questioning explained the family relation-

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Safe Place for Clothes—Our Shop

Because we sell the STEIN-BLOCH Smart Clothes, and with those on, a man can know he is rightly dressed. They lead the fashion season by season, and each year sees an improvement in shape or make; perhaps a little, hardly noticeable to the unpracticed eye, but influencing the general style. If a custom tailor made such clothes as these, he would be sought after from every corner of the country. Come in and see with your own eyes. Our Winter assortments are ready. They bear this label.

The Stein Bloch Co. Wholesale Tailors

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On cross examination the witness said that the family slept down stairs that night, and had slept there for three weeks; she did not bring Hank's bed down from upstairs that night. At Wysox she made no inquiry for Bigler. Women took off their shoes at Wysox bridge. She last saw her shoes when Mr. Hollon

J. A. Decker.

CLOTHIER AND FURNISHER, 419 Main Street, Towanda, Pa.

FROM NEARBY PLACES

What is Happening in Many Towns Hereabouts.

A CHILD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Another Lehigh Valley Office Abolished—Relative of Aaron Burr Died in Wellsboro—Big Order For Railroad Supplies Given.

Catawissa has a new national bank. Wellsboro children are having the mumps.

There has been an epidemic of shop-lifting in Binghamton stores.

South Scranton has just organized a board of trade.

Mrs. Herbert Mullen of West End, near Erie, is a guest at Dr. E. D. Payne's.

A bowling contest between the Wellsboro and Sayre teams is being arranged to take place soon.

The Lackawanna railroad has placed an order for locomotives and cars aggregating in value \$2,900,000.

Bache Hose company of Wellsboro will give a New Year's ball in Armory Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 2.

A two year old child at Williamsport upset a lamp and caused a fire but luckily escaped injury itself.

Since the Allentown board of health has been supplying antitoxin free but one death has occurred in that city.

One thousand men were thrown out of employment at Renovo by the freezing of the steam pipes in the shops.

Mrs. Rudolph Fuller of Wellsboro is dead. She was the daughter of the late Aaron Burr of Rutland, who was a second cousin of Vice President Aaron Burr.

C. L. Brooks, the Cincinnati apple buyer, has shipped sixty car loads of apples from Honesdale, this fall and winter, and each car contains an average of 200 barrels.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Usher of East Smithfield obtained some strychnine but for the prompt assistance of medical aid she would probably have died.

Thad Mitchell, of Elmira, has leased the Millerton hotel from Joseph Graham, who was convicted a few days ago of selling liquor to men of known intemperate habits.

Akira L. Bunnell, father of Mrs. Jessie Corbin of Sayre, and a member of the One Hundred and Forty-first regiment died at Bradford, McKean county, on Dec. 5, aged 64 years.

Thomas Laird of Nordmont is 72 years old and has worked at blacksmithing for 54 years and is still able to do stunts at the anvil that would try the muscle of many a young man.

The position of superintendent of car service on the Lehigh Valley railroad has been abolished, and Thomas O. Cole has been appointed car accountant, with offices at South Bethlehem.

Bill in Equity.

A bill in equity has been filed asking for a partition of real estate in Terry township in the suit of J. B. and Angie T. Horton vs. W. T. Horton.

DEATH OF SETH HOMET; HIS INTERESTING ANCESTRY.

Passed Away at His Home at Homet's Ferry Monday Night.

Seth Homet died at midnight at his home at Homet's Ferry on Monday night, aged 68 years. He had been an invalid for a number of years and death was due to paralysis. He lived all his life on the Homet homestead and followed farming as an occupation. He is survived by a wife and three children—Mrs. A. D. Nesbit of Tekamah, Nebraska, Charles Homet and Miss Geraldine Homet of Homet's Ferry. Mrs. Homet was in Nebraska visiting her daughter at the time of her husband's fatal illness and she and Mrs. Nesbit left at once to reach here for the funeral.

The deceased is survived also by the following brothers and sisters—Mrs. Theresa Stone of Camptown, Jonathan and Edward Homet of Homet's Ferry, Dr. Volney H. Homet of Wyalusing and J. A. Homet of Towanda. The deceased was a grandson of Charles Homet who came to this country in 1793 at the time of the persecutions in France incident to the Revolution. In Paris he had been a steward in the household of Louis XVI and fled from Paris at the time of the King's unfortunate attempt to leave the city. On ship-board he met and wooed Maria Theresa Scheillinger who was once one of the waiting maids of the unfortunate Marie Antoinette. They were married after their arrival in this country and lived for a year near Madison, N. J., before coming to Asylum where arrangements had been made for the reception of the king and queen of France. When the French people left Asylum he and Mr. Laporte purchased the greater part of the lands there.

Seth Homet followed farming as his calling. In Oct. 1862 he was drafted and enrolled in Company D, One Hundred and Seventy-first regiment Pennsylvania infantry and was promoted to quartermaster-sergeant. He served until Aug. 1863 when he was honorably discharged. He was a prominent member of the Universalist church and a Republican in politics. Funeral services will be held on Friday at noon at his home at Homet's Ferry with interment at that place.

Holiday Bank Advertising.

Bank advertising is of comparatively recent development, but it is making rapid strides. Many banking institutions have already learned the value of imparting a seasonable turn to their "ads," and several in the west are calling attention, through the newspapers, to the desirability of giving young people a newly started bank account as a Christmas present. The time will come when the bank which fails to advertise will be on the same footing with the merchant who neglects publicity.—Philadelphia Record.

D. T. EVANS

SOME COAT BARGAINS!

Coat Stock Badly Broken

Only a Few Left.

To close out these few we have made prices that will move them quickly.

1/4 to 1/2 off

on balance of this seasons Ladies' Misses' and Children's Coats.

Still greater reductions on coats left over from previous seasons.

Also some very good values in

FURS.

D. T. EVANS

NOTES OF GRANGES.

Items of Interest Contributed by
Editor A. T. Lilley.

PENNSYLVANIA'S FINE WORK.

Her Progress in Grange Matters
Heralded All Over the Country.
Farmers Are Making Aggressive
Demands Through Legislation.

(All communications to this column should be
addressed to A. T. Lilley, LeRoy, Pa.)

North Orwell grange is known as
No. 128 of Pennsylvania.

Towanda Valley grange of West
Franklin is one of five to receive a
splendid grange banner from the
Pennsylvania state grange for in-
crease of membership.

Nearly all of the Masters of the
twenty-x granges of Bradford county
attended the recent session of the
state grange at Erie. Of course each
took his wife with him.

Report says that many more are be-
ing taken into Columbia grange as
their contest waxes warmer.

Captains H. H. Mott and J. H. Bail-
ey of Owen Hand grange are each the
gallant leaders of three score mar-
shalled as the Red and the Blue.
Much interest is manifested at the
very start of this contest. During the
past thirty years this grange has ex-
tended the open hand and has always
been a steady, active aggressive body
not subject to great changes. We
shall wish this departure with much
anxiety.

Temperance in eating, drinking and
language is taught and carried out by
all thinking patrons, and in the near
future, it is hoped that when they go
to the primaries they will choose for
candidates only those who are active,
in a practical way, along the line of
temperance. The candidate, the people
at home and both the young and the
old will be the better for it.

The patron who fails to keep in line
with the scientific research of the day
will continue to be a back number in
the way of educated agriculture, and
be relegated to the rear of advanced
agriculture. In the wide awake
grange the seats soon become too
hard to him who fails to learn that
the old ideas retained of heathen
mythology are but myths that even
the schoolboy of today casts aside as
not real and of no worth.

From the report of state master W.
F. Hill we learn that the "common
desire and determination is to build up
our glorious fraternity." Good fellow-
ship prevails and 1,000 new people
have been added to the order within
the past two years, thus making a
gain of about twenty-five per cent.
Many of these new members have not
been accustomed to working together
to secure results, and now they need
guidance and discipline to become
familiar and well grounded in the
true intent of the order. The "sober
judgment and coolness of experi-
enced leaders and workers should
come to the front and to guide the
new members in the essential points
of proper instruction.

The state master says: The thirty-
eighth annual session of the National
Grange was held in the far away and
western city of Portland, Oregon, and
was more largely attended by visit-
ing patrons from nearby points than
any other session of the National
Grange, held in recent years. The in-
terest and enthusiasm of the patrons
of the northwest in the work of our
order knows no bounds, and while it
was a long, long distance for many of
the delegates to travel, yet as one
realized how much the meeting held
there was appreciated and contem-
plated the good that will result from
it, the conclusion is reached that for
the building up of the order the end
justifies the means. The present
policy of the State Grange is an ag-
gressive one against monopoly. For
the Grange to win in its fight means
millions of dollars in money saved to
the plain citizens and independence
which is even beyond all price. With
the aggressive non-partisan work of
the Grange it is showing that light to
people. The monopolist knows that
power vested in the people means his
enforced retirement. He will use every
available person, and the most subtle
agencies to defeat the success-
ful carrying out of our plans and pur-
poses.

Since the beginning of our publica-
tion in the Pennsylvania Grange
News of our system of interrogating
candidates the idea has been taken
up in the State Grange of Michigan,
and by many organizations through-
out the United States. In taking a
positive stand as we have to have
trolley companies allowed to carry
freight, for the establishment of a
parcels post and for postal savings
banks, for the equalization of taxa-
tion in our state by having counties
and municipalities allowed to retain
for local uses the approximate
\$3,000,000 now sent from them to the
state treasury; by pledging a candi-
date for congress on whether they
favor legislation to permit the
people the right to initiate legislation
and to have the important measures
of public policy and general interest
referred to the people themselves for
their approval or rejection, we have
been leading in a great work. Our
plan of interrogating candidates has
been taken up all over the country
at large in reference to the repeal of
the "Gout law." The "Pennsylvania
plan" is heralded all over the
United States as the best and most
effective one for protecting our in-
terests in legislation.

This discipline, experience and safe
conversionism of the order in Pennsylv-
ania is causing it to be respected,
trusted and followed as never before,
in its history. Its positive, affirma-
tive, aggressive methods are rallying

farmers of Pennsylvania to its stand-
ard by the thousands for the preser-
vation and advancement of their
many interests.

We welcome most heartily to our
order all farmers of good character,
and we trust that its beneficent in-
fluences will shine out further and
brighter with the advent of coming
years, until there shall be not only a
good Grange, but also a Grange hall
in every agriculture township of our
good old state.

TWO WEDDINGS.

Occurred Same Day at Troy on Wed-
nesday Dec. 14.

Two very pretty weddings took
place at Troy Wednesday of last week,
one at noon and the other in the eve-
ning.

At noon took place the marriage of
Miss Lydia Andrus, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. A. N. Andrus, and Arthur
Sweet at the home of the bride, the
ceremony being performed by Rev.
A. E. Hall. The bride wore a gown
of blue silk and was attended by Miss
Pearl Howland, the groom being at-
tended by James Andrus, brother of
the bride, the bridal party entering the
parlor to the strain of Lohengrin's
wedding march, played by Miss
Lampman of Monroeton, and stand-
ing under an arch of greens during the
ceremony. A wedding dinner was
served immediately after the cere-
mony.

In the evening at 6 o'clock, the
wedding of Miss Pearl Howland and
James Andrus was solemnized at the
home of the bride, a short distance
from the town, the ceremony being
again performed by the Rev. A. E.
Hall, of the Methodist church. The
wedding was in some respects a rep-
etition of the preceding one, Miss
Lampman playing Lohengrin's wed-
ding march as the party entered the
parlor. The bride wore a gown of
white silk and the bride and groom of
the evening were attended by the
bride and groom of the morning.
The house was handsomely decorated
with greens and carnations. A wed-
ding supper was served immediately
after the ceremony. The bride re-
ceived many handsome and useful
gifts. Both couples left on the 9
o'clock, evening, train.—Troy Ga-
zette.

MAILING PACKAGES.

Precautions That Should Be Taken to
Secure Safety.

In order to avoid the delay and con-
fusion incident to getting off the
largely increased mail at Christmas
season, Postmaster Turner has es-
tablished a weighing station at the
carriers' window where all packages
are received. Both of the carriers'
windows are utilized. Into this win-
dow the package for mailing is re-
ceived, weighed and stamped.
This leaves the general delivery
window free for the transaction of the
ordinary business and thus obviates
the tedious delays that heretofore
have marked the rush hours at the
post office during the Christmas week.
For the convenience of those sending
away Christmas packages a table has
been placed in the lobby where wrap-
ping paper can be obtained to wrap
up the packages. Information as to
how packages should be wrapped and
rates of postage will be cheerfully
given by the clerks at the windows.

PATRICIDE EXONERATED.

Wayne County Lad Justified in Killing
His Father.

The coroner's jury in the case of
Charles Harder, of East Cherry
Ridge, Wayne county, who was killed
by his son, John Harder, rendered a
verdict Saturday afternoon in Hones-
dale to the effect that it was justifi-
able homicide.

Harder was attacking his wife with
a large knife and was bent on killing
her, when the son shot him with a
rifle. Harder had been drinking nearly
all day at a neighboring saloon and
the killing occurred in the evening
shortly after he arrived home.

Young Harder was held in \$200 bail
for the action of the grand jury,
which will meet the last week of Feb-
ruary. It is believed that he will be
entirely exonerated by the grand jury.

Overton Literary Society.

The meeting of the Overton Liter-
ary society was held last Friday
evening, the roll call being answered
with a quotation from each member.
A constitution was read and adopted.
Current events were discussed by
Frank Diefenbach; recitations were
given by Fred Hauskecht, Verna
Hottensine, Donald Sherman. Tab-
leaux, charades and dialogues made
up the program.

Miss Bertha Aylesworth was ap-
pointed assistant secretary, Miss Cora
Corner corresponding secretary.
Frank Diefenbach sergeant at arms,
Archie Wayman, assistant. A special
meeting will be held on Friday even-
ing for members and those who wish
to join only.

Found Money.

Four small boys in Monroe county
found \$800 hidden in an old boot in
the attic of a deserted house. They
divided up, swore to secrecy but one
of the boys got full and disclosed the
source of his sudden wealth. More
money is supposed to be hidden in
the house which was once occupied
by a wealthy old man.

Well Filled Store.

One of the places where the most
attractive Christmas goods can be
found is Betts' candy store. The
windows are prettily decorated with
holly and Christmas bells and tons of
candy for the Christmas season have
been made. The finest home made
candy, put up in the best manner is
a feature.

Legal blanks at this office.

LATE LOCAL BREVETIES.

Short Newsy Paragraphs Gathered in
and About the County.

No court this week.

Read Daily Review ad in this paper.
Hills Grove has four cases of ty-
phoid fever.

Allentown expects to get a
\$400,000 hotel.

F. E. McGovern of Rome was in
town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. M. Coon of Laquin was in
town Tuesday.

George L. Myer of Waverly was in
town Tuesday.

J. T. Hested of New Albany was in
town Tuesday.

Judge E. M. Dunham of Laporte
was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. L. T. Hort of Athens, is visit-
ing friends in Chicago.

C. B. Culver of Laceyville was a
Towanda visitor Tuesday.

The Wellsboro Military band is
giving a series of concerts.

W. E. Bates of Spring Hill was a
Tidd House guest Tuesday.

Sidney Green, a young boy, killed a
wild cat at Hills Grove last week.

A. D. Stevens of Sayre was regis-
tered at the Ward House Tuesday.

John Rothloff is the new president
of Union Hose company at Athens.

Wellsboro has a skating rink on a
pond to which admission is charged.

A card writing artist was working
his trade at the Tidd House Tues-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Flaugh of La-
quin were Och's House guests Tues-
day.

Mrs. Herbert Landon and Mrs. J. C.
Lee of Herriek were Ward House
guests Tuesday.

Born on Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs.
Robert L. Ayers of Sayre, a son;
weight 12 pounds.

Why not send away a fancy calen-
dar for 1905. We have some beauties.
Boyle's Book store.

Mrs. Chauncey C. Hill of Third
street, has gone to Bath to care for
her mother, who is ill.

Ex-County Commissioner G. S.
Tingley of Susquehanna county,
dropped dead on Friday night.

An Andrew Carnegie lives near
Susquehanna, Pa. He may be the
one who signed Mrs. Chadwick's
notes.

Mrs. D. C. Campbell, Mrs. Jas.
Fitchman, Mrs. Ruet Ross, Della
Rohey, Mrs. E. F. Stevens, Maggie
Walker.

Hon. and Mrs. James T. Hale of
Duluth are guests of the former's
parents, Major and Mrs. E. W. Hale,
"Woodside."

Mrs. Will Rundell and niece and
Mrs. John Norton of Ralston spent
Tuesday with Mrs. William Myers of
Elizabeth street.

We still have the old reliable Ex-
celsior diary for 1905. We have in
almost everything in diaries and at
all prices. Boyle's Book store.

We pride ourselves on our assort-
ment of toys and games. This year
we still lead in quality if not quantity.
Boyle's Book store.

J. T. Keith, former division super-
intendent of the Lehigh Valley Rail-
road company has left for an indefi-
nite stay in South America.

Quicksand under and around the
east abutment of the Lehigh Valley
bridge at Laceyville is making the
company considerable trouble.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stacy,
of Athens, on Dec. 19, a daughter.
Mrs. Stacy was, before her marriage,
Miss Orpha Shepard of this place.

It is announced that L. T. Hoyt,
Esq., of Athens, has resigned the
office of referee in bankruptcy for this
district, to take effect on Jan. 1.

Miss Belle Kilmer of Sheshequin,
who for the past eight years has been
a nurse in New York, has gone to
Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the
Winter.

L. A. Collinson, P. T. Dagenois,
Harry Golding, Walter Fish, Augus-
tus D. Long, J. L. Meek, (2), E. C.
Ross, Lewis Snyder, Wm. Slocum,
Dr. C. Made.

Lee Fishler who has been employed
by the United States Express com-
pany at Sayre, has resigned his posi-
tion and is visiting Wellsboro friends
and relatives.

A lamp exploded in the ladies' wait-
ing room of the Central station at
Wellsboro but the flames were put
out with blankets before much dam-
age was done.

Benjamin Enbers of Athens and
Miss Anna Conway of Nichols, were
married at the Methodist parsonage
in Waverly Saturday evening by
Rev. M. S. Godshall.

Next week Thursday, Dec. 29, the
Towanda Daily Review can be se-
cured for an entire year upon pay-
ment of only \$2.25. Read the ad in
another column of the Reporter-Journal.

The report received Tuesday con-
cerning the condition of Joseph A.
Head, who is ill with typhoid fever at
Syracuse, was that he was becoming
weaker and that his temperature was
still very high.

A Sixty Cent Cow.

B. Frank Dunfee, of Towanda, the
well known railroad man, is now the
owner of a sixty cent cow. The ani-
mal may be worth more than six
dimes but that is all Frank had to
give for her. He drew her in a
raffle at Sayre. The man who raf-
fled the cow had before that secured
the cow for 44 cents on a previous
raffle.

No Court This Week.

The common pleas cases scheduled
for this week were all continued and
the jurors summoned notified not to
appear.

DID CHARLEY JOHNSON WANT TO END HIS LIFE?

Turpentine Found in Cell and Letter
Asking for Poison.

Did Charley Johnson want to end
his life, is a question that it interest-
ing all those who have followed the
sensational murder trial. The facts
substantiating the claim that he did
as follows: Saturday night after the
verdict was announced, Sheriff
Robinson had the cells of all the John-
sons searched as well as the cells
that the five were to be confined in on
the upper section on the east side of
the jail. In Charley's cell was found
a bottle of turpentine. A small
amount of turpentine is said to be
poisonous. After the cells had been
swept out and the refuse placed in a
heap in the corridor outside, a bottle
was found which had evidently con-
tained carbolic acid. Another inci-
dent that might indicate that the
prisoner had intended suicide is the
fact that in several of the letters that
he has sent out to be mailed have
been requests to get him some laudan-
um. The last of these requests
was in a letter found on Charley's
person. In it he said to buy ten
cents worth of laudanum, place it in
a bag of tobacco and then fix the bag
so that no one could see that it had
been opened and get it to him in the
jail.

Some of those at the jail do not be-
lieve that even in light of these cir-
cumstances Charley meant to take his
life. They point to the fact that on
Saturday night he told one of the pris-
oners that he wasn't hung yet and
that he was going to get a new trial.
Then in one of the earlier letters he
said he wanted some laudanum but
that he didn't want to kill himself but
that he couldn't sleep and a little of
it would make him rest better. The
bottle of carbolic acid, which was
found contained nothing but a coagu-
lated substance that looks like a
salve, on the side of the bottle. If
it was ever in liquid form it has been
out of that state for some time. Just
what the turpentine was for no one
can account. A Binghamton paper in-
timates that with this single bottle of
turpentine it was intended to set the
stone and iron of the jail afire and
thus in the confusion Charley would
make his escape and cheat the gal-
lows.

COURT ITEMS.

Several Matters Disposed of During
the Past Week.

In re estate of S. W. Pomeroy, de-
ceased; estate of B. B. Mitchell dis-
charged from further liability by rea-
son of the administration of said B.
B. Mitchell upon said S. W. Pome-
roy's estate.

In re estate of Luella Arnold, a
minor; Chas. M. Culver appointed
guardian.

In re estate of Sarah Ann Crane, a
minor; private sale of minor's in-
terest in lands in Burlington town-
ship to Seth Crane et al for \$600, de-
creed.

In re estate of Gabriel N. Walker,
deceased; specific performance of
contract of decedent with Geo. J.
Campbell decreed.

In re estate of Wm. R. Sheeler, de-
ceased; public sale of decedent's real
estate ordered in accordance with
terms of his will.

Charles Stegmaier vs. Hill &
Beibach; rule granted to strike off
satisfaction of judgment.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

C. William McCormick Passed Away
Suddenly Yesterday.

C. William McCormick, died very
suddenly yesterday morning at 8
o'clock at the home of his sister, Miss
Margaret McCormick on Pine street.
Mr. McCormick came down town early
in the morning and then returned for
breakfast. While eating he began to
choke and gasp for breath and in a
few minutes he expired. Dr. S. M.
Woodburn was called but the man
was dead before he arrived.

Mr. McCormick served in the Civil
war, enlisting in Company B, One
Hundred and Forty-first, of which
company Hon. W. T. Davies was cap-
tain. He has been in a soldiers' home
at Erie but has lived here for several
months past. He had just been grant-
ed a pension and it was his intention
to go to Washington in a few days to
live with his brother. A wife and
two children living in Massachusetts
survive.

NORTH ROME.

John Baxter was drawing buck-
wheat to Wysox last week.

Burt McCabe placed a new feed
grinder in his mill last week.

James Stephenson has purchased
a farm of his brother.

Born on Friday, Dec. 16, to Mr. and
Mrs. George Bidlack, an eleven
pound boy.

Death of Mrs. Durand Smith.

Mrs. Durand Smith died at her
home in Granville township on Dec.
3, after a short illness of one week,
aged 32 years. She leaves a hus-
band, one son and one daughter, be-
sides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R.
Meeker, and two sisters. Funeral
services were held at Granville
Center, Elder Bower officiating.

President Horton Here.

C. S. Horton, president of the Sus-
quehanna & New York railroad, ac-
companied by his sons, Harry and
Charles Horton, came over from Wil-
liamsport Tuesday. General Man-
ager Newman was also here and the
party, with Superintendent S. T.
Hayt, Jr., took dinner at the Tidd
House.

Settlements Filed.

In the suits of Julia Lynch vs. John
C. O'Leary, William F. O'Leary, John
Hourigan and Michael T. Kane, set-
tlements have been filed.

MAXWELL-BARNARD WEDDING CELEBRATED.

Well Known Towanda Attorney Mar-
ried at New York.

The New York Herald of yesterday
had the following account of the Max-
well-Barnard wedding: "In the hall-
room of the Hotel Astor, last evening,
Miss Belle Florence Barnard, daugh-
ter of Mrs. Owen Howard Barnard,
of Richmond Valley, S. I., was mar-
ried to Mr. William Maxwell, of Tow-
anda, Pa. There were present to wit-
ness the ceremony a limited number
of relatives and intimate friends.

"The bride was given away by her
brother, William Howard Barnard.
She wore a handsome gown of white
crepe de Chine, trimmed with point
lace, her veil also being of lace.

"Mrs. John Milton Mabbot acted as
the matron of honor, and the brides-
maids were the Misses Lily Belle
Barnard, Edith Olive, Rose G. Levin-
son, Julia Butler, Elsie McLean and
Eleanor Abrams. They wore gowns
of white net and lace and carried
bouquets of pink roses. Thomas
Maxwell was best man.

"The ushers were Cornelius A.
Hart, T. D. Troy, C. Coon, David
Cash, W. P. Wilson and F. E. Beers.

"A reception followed the ceremony,
after which Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell
left for a trip south. They will make
their home in Towanda. Mrs. Barn-
ard will give a large reception for
the couple at her home, in Staten Is-
land, on January 3."

Mr. Maxwell is one of the foremost
members of the Bradford county bar
and is the solicitor for Bradford
county. He is well known through-
out this section by reason of his con-
nection with many important suits and
cases. His bride is an accomplished
woman of social prominence, whose
residence in Towanda will be cordial-
ly welcomed by the social set here.
Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are now on
their wedding trip and upon their re-
turn will take up their residence in
the Colonel Overton residence on
York avenue. They have the congrat-
ulations of Mr. Maxwell's many
friends and those whom his bride has
already become acquainted with in
Towanda.

ROADS SUFFER FROM DROUGHT.

Northern Pennsylvania and Southern
New York Most Affected.

Several of the railroads operating
in Northern Pennsylvania and South-
ern New York states are badly hand-
icapped by a shortage of water in the
tanks along the road for use in loco-
motives. In many instances two
tanks are being carried on one train.
So far no particular complaint has
been made concerning the Lehigh
Valley's water supply, but on the
main line of the Pennsylvania the
long troughs from which the fast
trains scoop up water are dry and
stops are required for watering. At
Ralston the Northern Central road is
badly handicapped. Wells are being
dug along the line, one at Snedeker's,
above Troy. The New York Central
lines in this state are also suffering
from a scarcity of water.

The Erie both East and West of El-
mira, has had the same trouble, and
at Addison on Saturday trains were
held up waiting the accumulation of
enough water to allow them to pro-
ceed. Unless a general thaw comes
to this section in a few days some
new method of obtaining water will
have to be resorted to by the railroad
managers.

News Notes in the State.

By the settling of the earth at
Jacksons, near Mahanoy City, sev-
eral houses are undermined and the
occupants had to escape in their night
clothing.

Ervin H. Stocker, 14 years old, a
son of Charles Stocker, of Phillips-
burg, died in the Eastern hospital from
a fractured skull caused by a coast-
ing accident.

While killing a hog in its pen
Jacob Stuffed, of Steinsburg, was at-
tacked by two hogs in the same pen.
Stuffed's bulldog jumped into the pen
and saved its master from being badly
bitten.

A victim of a sudden fit of insani-
ty, William Gies, a Civil War vet-
eran, 65 years of age, leaped from a
second story window at his home in
Allentown and was killed. He
had been ill for some time.

The entire family of Lloyd Thomas
was poisoned at Jersey Shore by eat-
ing limburger cheese and when a phy-
sician arrived he found all in a criti-
cal condition. After several hours'
work they were brought out of
danger.

Four Score and Ten.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the home of
Mrs. Ott in Wysox, was the scene of
a happy gathering when the Ladies'
Sewing society, friends and neighbors
of Mrs. Celinda Ridgway met to ce-
lebrate her ninetieth birthday. The
day was spent in visiting and merry
making, at 12:30 dinner was an-
nounced and all did ample justice to
a bounteous birthday dinner. For the
past four years young and old have
planned a surprise party for this dear
old friend on these birthday anniver-
saries and they have always been
happy, enjoyable days to all. When
the time came to leave it was with
the hope that she may have many
happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Ridgway is the oldest resi-
dent of Wysox, having spent her en-
tire life there. She has always led
an earnest, consistent, christian life
and has endeared herself to many
hearts.

Death of a Child.

Edna Haywood, aged ten years,
died on Monday evening at the home
of Mr. On Osborne at North Rome.
She is survived by her father, two
brothers and three sisters. Funeral
services were held Wednesday fore-
noon, with interment in the Orange
Hill cemetery.

LAUREL HILL.

Mrs. S. A. Scott is still confined to
her bed and seems to be failing.

George Weed and Edwin Weed



HAVE YOU A SORE THROAT?

Don't let it run on—let it prove dangerous. Go to your druggist and ask for

TONSILINE.

TONSILINE is the greatest throat remedy on earth. Tonsiline not only cures Sore Throats of all kinds, very quickly, but is a positive, never-failing and speedy cure for Sore Mouth, Hoarseness and Quinsy.

It's the stick in time. Don't neglect to use it. 25 and 50 cents at all druggists.

THE TONSILINE CO. CANTON, O.

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W. H. Whitney of Stevensville was in town Monday.

Mrs. Fred S. Felton is visiting friends at Buffalo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. Gus Lewis, on Dec. 13, a son.

S. J. Ross of Laquira was an Och House guest yesterday.

Miss Mary Hale is home from Wells college for the holidays.

Bothlehem is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever.

Rev. and Mrs. Miller of Burlington were Towanda visitors Monday.

W. B. Gunton, the coal operator, was down from Bernice Saturday.

The Tunkhannock council is mapping out plans for a sewer system.

Raymond W. McPherson of Herrick was a Tidd House guest on Saturday.

Elmira has a second woman grabber and the police are on the lookout.

Miss Mary Cole, a former resident of Waverly, died in New York city on Saturday.

Mrs. Harry N. White is spending the holiday season with her family at Hazleton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hitchcock, of Pike township, on Monday, Dec. 12, 1904, a nine pound girl.

The fair and sale held at Monroe for the benefit of the Robert Packer hospital netted about \$100.

Mrs. W. J. Hamilton of Homer, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Butties, on Pine street.

An action for slander has been brought by Mary Logar, of Hazleton, against Peter Someby, of the same city.

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ABOUT FOLKS YOU KNOW.

Local Photographs of People Who Are Coming and Going.

George M. Nichols of Rome was in town Saturday.

G. E. Frost and family have taken rooms at the Ward House.

Andrew Moscrip is home from State college for the holiday vacation.

Waverly expects a big flouring mill to be located there in the Spring.

Miss Elizabeth M. Rogers of She-shequin was in Towanda Saturday.

Miss Olive Mapes and Miss Leona Bull of Laquira were in town Saturday.

Ray Bullock of Monroeton killed a very large red fox while out hunting this week.

George Pratt of Pike, was the guest over Sunday of Miss Carrie Squires in Towanda.

A. Carl Fanning is home from the Mansfield Normal school for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stoll of Orwell were among the many Christmas shoppers in Towanda on Saturday.

Joseph Ryan of Troy, this county, died Thursday at Elmira. The body was taken to Troy for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell have been entertaining Charles Squires and Miss Adah Squires of Pike, for a few days.

Miss Bessie Mings has an attractive display of pyrographical work in the windows of M. C. Wells's music store.

W. W. Whitman, of Canton, has sent a petition to Judge Fanning, asking for the appointment of Jury Commissioner.

P. E. Decker of Athens is a candidate for the unexpired term of jury commissioner caused by the death of Harry S. Stevens.

Leonard Baker had his upper lip cut open by a piece of timber falling on him, while at work in the car repair shop at Sayre.

Mrs. F. O. Rusling and daughter, Miss Rusling, of Lawrenceville, were here to attend the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Clapp.

Factory Inspector and Mrs. E. W. Bishop and daughter of Second street left Sunday to spend the holidays at their former home at Dunmore.

Joseph Waldron of Smithfield was called to Wilkesbarre last week by the death of his partner, in the cattle business, Mr. Shoemaker, who was killed in that city.

Dr. E. M. Cowell of Athens is building a new yacht at Ithaca to be ready for launching in May. It will be 40 feet long and run by a 14-horse power gasoline engine.

F. A. Sherman, formerly of Sherman Brothers, who conducted the store at Covert, has moved to Nichols, N. Y., where he will engage in a mercantile business.

Miss Georgiana Palmer of Elmira, who has played before Towanda audiences on the piano, is pursuing her musical studies in New York city under Edward A. McDowell.

Benjamin W. Guesney, formerly of Canton, son of George A. Guesney, has been elected to a desirable position in the Wellesley, Mass., National bank, and entered upon his duties Dec. 1.

Mrs. J. I. Ruddy and Miss Theresa Carroll of Moon street, Miss Rosanna Carroll of Barclay, Mrs. T. H. Arey and Mrs. M. Brink of New Albany were among those registered at the Och House on Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Warner of East Troy, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Jennie E., to John L. Phoenix Van-Horn Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, at 8 o'clock.

Twenty-eight conductors in the employ of the Easton Transit company were arrested Friday, charged with stealing carfare. Six of the men confessed, and admitted that their stealings had averaged from 50 cents to \$2 per day.

The 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Burns, of Athens had the fingers of one of his hands pinched so badly Monday by getting them caught in the cogs of a clothes wringer that it is probable that they will have to be amputated.

Edward Deshay of Williamsport got his finger mashed in a rolling machine as he supposed and did not know that the finger had been taken off at the second joint until a fellow workman called his attention to the severed member.

H. McKenzie, representing W. P. Davis, of Philadelphia, is in Troy, with a view to establishing a canning factory there. Mr. Davis has twelve of these establishments in the state and will start two more at the most favorable points.

On Saturday evening the local R. F. D. mail carriers and their wives met at the home of Jesse Campbell in Towanda. A pleasant social time was spent, oysters being served. The next meeting will be on Jan. 14 at the home of Carrier Beeman in Wysox.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Caswell and Miss Maud Caswell of Rummelfield were registered at the Tidd House Monday.

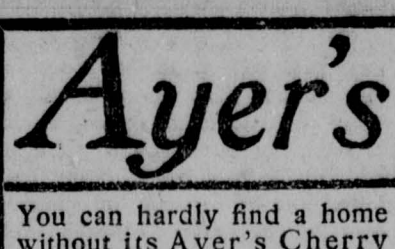
A daily paper by mail for an entire year for only \$2.25. Read the Towanda Review's bargain day offer in this paper.

Frank Perley, a former resident of Waverly has been chosen as the private secretary of governor-elect Higgins of New York.

The fair recently held for the benefit of the Corning city hospital had gross receipts of \$4,000 and net receipts of \$3,646.19.

A daughter has been born to the wife of V. VanHove, formerly of Mansfield, now a missionary in Curaçao, Dutch West Indies.

A valuable thoroughbred hunting dog, belonging to Walter Austin, of Mansfield, for which he had refused an offer of \$1,000, died last Friday.



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You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

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SENTENCES IMPOSED.

Judge Fanning Disposed of Six Offenders on Monday Morning.

Six offenders were before Judge Fanning Monday morning for sentence. Harry Burns, the tramp convicted of burglarizing the house of William Little, Esq., on York avenue, was given a fine of \$50, the costs and a term of 18 months in the Eastern penitentiary at Philadelphia at hard labor. Burns is a very plausible fellow and when asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be imposed, protested his innocence and denied all knowledge of the crime. The police say he has been hanging about this section for several years, making much bother for the railroad men, stealing their dinner pails, and riding freights. As he received his medicine from the court he replied, "Thank you."

George Heeman, for the robbery of Jerry Hoover, was given a sentence in the Huntington reformatory.

John L. Sullivan and Harry Goodale were in court on bench warrants for the non-payment of costs imposed. They were committed until sentence be complied with. Sullivan gave bonds and was set at liberty.

Jack Fagan, convicted of malicious mischief, was also present by virtue of a bench warrant. He was committed for costs.

Stephen Maloney of Sayre, pleaded guilty to fornication and bastardy. He was sentenced to pay costs, pay \$25 to mother of child and 50 cents a week dating from Feb. 1, last, and to give a bond of \$300 for compliance. The bail of George Hart was declared forfeited.

JOHNSON FAMILY HAPPY.

Verdict Against Charles Johnson Has Caused No Apprehension.

Despite the fact that Charles Johnson has been found guilty of murder in the first degree, he and the rest of the Johnson family seem happy and cheerful at the county jail. In fact they have been singing together some of the time songs. Charley and Bigler singing a song between them on Sunday. The five members of the family are all placed in cells on the eastern side of the jail on the upper tier. This part has been fenced off and no one will be allowed to go near them. All the other prisoners have been kept in their cells for the past two days that nothing can be given to the Johnson family that the sheriff does not know about.

Wetherill—Fulcrad.

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday night, Dec. 14, at the home of the bride's cousin, Rev. E. J. Rosengrant 493 Cayuga avenue, Ithaca, N. Y., where he united in marriage William C. Wetherill of Hughesville, and Miss Lou A. Fulcrad of Montoursville. The bride is well known in Towanda, where she was formerly stenographer for the Loetzer Valve & Mfg. Co., and the groom holds a responsible position with the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad at Hughesville. Mr. and Mrs. Wetherill will reside at Hughesville.

Cheap Daily Newspaper.

If you would have a local daily newspaper during 1905, remember that you can get the Towanda Daily Review on Dec. 29—and on that day only—for \$2.25 cash in advance. The Review is a complete local daily, prompt in its news service, and keeps its readers posted every day.

This "bargain day" price should add many new subscribers to its already large and growing list.

Died at Sayre.

Mrs. William Smith died at the home of her sister at Sayre on Sunday from consumption, aged about 42 years. She was a Miss Weyman before her marriage. The body was brought to Towanda on train No. 4 yesterday afternoon and services were held from the home of her husband on William street. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Wedding Announced.

Sergeant and Mrs. Berger gave a tea at their home on Poplar street Sunday evening in honor of the approaching marriage of their son, John Berger, to Miss Lena Merrithew of this place.

Mission at Laquira.

Application has been made to the Bradford county court for a charter of a church organization at Laquira to be called the Laquira Baptist Mission.

Buyers read the Reporter-Journal.

SNAKES AS A COMPONENT PART OF CONCRETE MIXTURE.

Wild Tales From Wildwood by the Susquehanna.

A combination of cracked stone and crushed snakes is being used by the Lehigh Valley in the concrete work now being done in the new shops at Sayre, but the crushed snakes part of the mixture is not in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Lehigh's engineers, says the snake editor of the Athens News.

The crushed stone being used by the Lehigh is procured from E. D. Ademy's gravel pit on the Auburn branch of the Lehigh, located about midway between Sayre and "Wildwood." The cold weather has caused the snakes in this section of the country to seek the warm interior of the earth for their winter's nap. Thousands of them wriggled their way to the gravel pit and, finding their way through the numerous crevices, they squirmed downward below what they considered the frost line.

The picks and shovels of Mr. Ademy's employes are ruthlessly disturbing their hibernating slumber and it is estimated that an average of 1,000 snakes are uncovered each day. A few strokes of a pick in almost any portion of the gravel pit will reveal one or many partially frozen reptiles. One snake den that opened to strokes of picks and shovels contained 100 snakes, twisted together in a large ball, twined and intertwined, faced and interlaced, a veritable delirium phantom of a Medusa head, and each particular snake in a lethargic stupor of nature's winter repose.

The workmen, in excavating, dig out the bottom layer of gravel first, permitting the gravel to fall up to the frost line. Some of the snakes did not make a correct estimate as to the exact depth to which the frost would penetrate and, by not burrowing deep enough, they got caught in its frigid grasp. Frequently the workmen see suspended from the frozen ceiling a snake, with one end held in the frigid grasp of the ceiling and the other end dangling, as though in silent protest to the demolishing hand of man.

But the workmen have no tenderness of heart for the snakes. Everything is food for the insatiable stone crusher and the hibernating mass of reptiles is thrust ruthlessly in the hopper, changed to cracked stone and crushed snakes and thence it becomes a part of the adamantine work in the Lehigh's new shops.

IDEAL CITIZENSHIP.

Residents of R. F. D. Route No. 1 Who Appreciate a Good Thing.

Last Spring, when the county system of rural mail delivery was mapped, in order to reach several families it became necessary to send Carrier Goodenough of Route No. 1 from one thoroughfare across the farm of R. C. Atwood, to another, crossing Hemlock Run, at times an ugly little stream. The lane through the farm is a rough one and but little traveled. Besides fording the stream it is necessary to ascend "150 Metre Hill," more or less.

Recently the following named citizens of the neighborhood held a bee and built a substantial bridge across the run, contributing money, lumber and labor. W. W. McMoran, Wm. Kennedy, J. P. VanDyke, J. S. McMoran, M. M. Gilmour, Arthur Gilmour, F. M. Granger, Frank L. Chaffee, Michael Devine, Thomas Gemmell and John A. Simons.

FIRE OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Ryan Elected to First Assistant Engineer.

The result of the election for fire department officers, held in the council rooms Monday was as follows: Chief, Dudley Humphrey, Lin-ta Hose Co. No. 2, (re-elected); first assistant, Thomas J. Ryan, Franklin Steamer Co. No. 1; second assistant, A. L. Jackson, Mantua Hook and Ladder Co. No. 4, (re-elected).

The only contest was over the place of first assistant in which the opposing candidates were Mr. Ryan who was appointed some weeks ago to the place to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. H. Gillis, and N. V. Cranmer of Hawes Hose No. 5. The vote stood: Ryan, 124 and Cranmer, 61.

DIVORCE ITEMS.

Master and Examiner Recommends No Divorce in Frazer Case.

Several items in divorce are among the business recently disposed of by the Bradford county courts. Master and Examiner W. D. Morse has filed his report in the Frazer divorce case, in which the wife, Lizzie N. Frazer, sued Nathan S. Frazer. He recommends that no divorce be granted.

In the cases of Alice K. Wright vs. Alfred E. Wright, Anna E. Scott vs. Harley Scott and Frank H. Walroth vs. Edith A. Walroth divorces have been decreed.

Jurors Well Cared For.

Members of the Johnson jury are enthusiastic concerning the quality of their treatment during the two weeks of their service. To tipstaves Daugherty and Eddy they are especially grateful for many kindnesses and the care with which their wants were anticipated. The jury were also much pleased with the New Park Hotel service.

In Memoriam.

Smithfield Lodge No. 928, I. O. O. F., have adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Perry H. Elsbree, a member of that lodge since Jan. 15, 1876. Guy Farnsworth, F. L. Andrus and J. H. Knickerbocker were the committee on resolutions.

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KNOW YE OF SUCH?

The Philadelphia Ledger says:

"There is current in the papers a charcoal sketch which shows a child who in an agony of disappointment has thrown herself upon the bed, with an empty Christmas stocking in her hand."

"It is a tragedy that there should be an empty Christmas stocking. There is, after all, none too many children in the world, and it is a shame indeed that adult thoughtlessness ever permits a single one of them to awaken to a giftless Christmas. It is the very happiness of the day, it is the Christmas joy of the world itself, that is at stake there is those crowded, dismal tenement rooms where girls and boys, in a faith that the misery of poverty has not yet killed, hang up stockings which only the generosity of strangers can fill. It is impossible for it to be a merry Christmas which is a consolation to the children of the poor, to the waifs and orphans. They cannot be heartily happy who have gotten these."

There is no more pitiful sight than a child fingering an empty stocking on Christmas morning, and no form of wretchedness more cutting than that of the father or mother who must look forward to such an awakening. Many a poor family would be able to bear its troubles through the year with fortitude if it were not for the thought of Christmas. All the more reason why those more fortunate should give their "good will to men" a practical form. In a town like this with few sadly in need and the poor well known, there is no reason why any child of poverty should be found crying over an empty stocking on Christmas morn. To those who sit in grief over the death of loved ones, can be given the word of sympathy fitly spoken, but the child of no means can be made to laugh like the joy of a sunny morning. The giving of old toys and books and playthings not too badly broken will cause many a poor little heart to beat with gladness. Remember Christmas is a child's day, celebrated in honor of the Divine Child, and we should have ringing in our ears all the day—"Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of these little ones, ye do it unto me."

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer has a good word in his annual report for the township high school. It has the tendency of interesting the youth in the rural districts in higher education and thereby causes them to be more contented with life in the country. With better schools, improved roads, and rural mail delivery and telegraph and telephone systems in the rural districts, there will be a greater desire to live in such districts and they will be developed and improved, and populated accordingly.

There is a likelihood that the art of jiu jitsu may take the place of the locust stick among the police of New York in handling obstreperous citizens. Commissioner McAdoo has received from a publishing house two copies of a book on jiu jitsu, and in acknowledging their receipt he wrote that if after he had examined the subject thoroughly he found that there was in the Japanese system of self-defense all the advocates claim for it he would recommend its adoption in the police department.

The need of careful supervision of bridges is seen in the fact that the Monroe county commissioners have just paid an indebtedness of \$12,000. In August, 1899, Mrs. Henrietta Strader fell from her bicycle on Broadhead bridge, went over the edge and landed on the rocks below. Her injuries were fatal. A Monroe county jury rendered a verdict of \$16,000 damages and the Supreme court affirmed the verdict which with interest amounted to \$16,607. The county had to borrow \$12,000.

The total value of the poultry and eggs this country produced in the last census year was \$281,178,247. The industry was worth more than all the cattle and hogs we slaughtered. It was worth more than the wheat crop of 28 states and territories; and the value of our eggs alone was higher than that of the combined gold and silver product of the United States in any year since 1850, except in 1890, when the precious metals exceeded the eggs by \$9,418,126.

A FEARFUL RECORD.

Only one of all the nations classed as civilized surpasses the United States in the number of murders. This is the result of statistics on the subject compiled by S. S. McClure in McClure's magazine. The single nation that exceeds our own is Russia, the land of the depressed and ignorant. Ten times as many murders are committed in this country to every million of inhabitants as are committed in Great Britain. What an awful and fearful record!

The easiest way out of the difficulty lies in the explanation that the blame can be laid at the door of the immense wave of foreign immigration to this country. But in Kentucky with the most distinctively native born population of all states, the number of murders is appalling. Mr. McClure goes as far as to say that the foreign born murderers get their training in this country.

The number of convictions for murder is small. The work of the officers of the law is often not prompt enough to seize hold of the tracks of crime before they are obliterated. Then when cases are brought to trial technicalities are some times let stand in the way of a full and free exposition of evidence. No innocent man must be punished but the law and the courts must take up with a vengeance the mighty problem of the increase of murder. The record is frightful.

The Pennsylvania child labor committee, which is part of the national child labor movement, held a meeting in Philadelphia, and perfected an organization, with Hon. Lyman D. Gilbert, of Harrisburg, as president. The first vice president is United States Senator Knox, and other prominent men and women of the state are interested in the movement. It is the purpose of the committee to promote appropriate legislation for the enforcement of the present law requiring children to be kept out of certain employments before they have completed their thirteenth year, and at the same time to prohibit all children under sixteen years of age being employed during the hours of the night.

Figures recently made show that the railroad mileage in the United States is increasing at the rate of about 5,000 miles a year. At this rate in 20 years there will be 100,000 more miles of railroad in the country. If the country continues to develop during the next 20 years as rapidly as it has during the last two decades, it will require fully 100,000 more miles of railroad to handle the increase in the volume of traffic.

A New Orleans father chained a bear to a tree in order that his young son might kill it and learn to become a mighty hunter. Here's a pointer to Lycoming county farmers who wish to reap a harvest of shekels from city hunters.—Williamsport Sun.

By a decision of Attorney-General Moody all guessing contests for prizes are placed in the category of lotteries and hereafter will be excluded from the United States mails.

Buyers read the Reporter-Journal.

SEED TIME

The experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others. He knows that a great deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

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THE HONESTY OF WOMEN.

The exploits of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who has obtained several millions of dollars from banks and money lenders by forgery and fraud of various kinds, has created a tremendous sensation throughout the country. The story of her operations and her success in getting money from experienced, hard headed business men taxes the credulity of sane people. Her wonderful ability in this direction can be accounted for by some only on the theory that she possesses great hypnotic powers, but it is more than probable that the cupidity of her victims had more to do with her success.

The remarkable performances of this woman have raised the question as to the relative honesty of men and women. The fact that it was a woman who carried on for several years these dazzling feats of financial legerdemain shows how dangerous she may be when she tries her prentice hand in this direction.

Certain masculine critics aver that women have gained a reputation for greater honesty than men only because they are subject to fewer temptations. Whether this is true the fact remains that the reports of the treasury department at Washington and by business men generally show that women as a whole are more honest than men. In the last ten years they have won a reputation for honesty in places of trust and this has led to the increasing tendency toward the employment of women in financial institutions. The president of one of the largest banks in the country has said: "The feeling is gaining ground that women are, on the whole, more honest than men. Considerable numbers of women are now rendering satisfactory service as cashiers and tellers, handling large sums daily with out loss or error. One of the most conspicuous traits in the feminine nature is fidelity to trust. Speculation the chief pitfall of defaulting employees, does not attract women as it does men. Cards and drink drag down many a male employee and these again, are more particularly masculine vices. Some of the largest banks in New York are employing women in positions of heavy responsibility. Banking is an occupation in which men no longer have a monopoly."

To the contention that women have less temptations than men a writer in one of the recent magazines says: "What occupation offers a more severe test of honesty than domestic service? It is impossible for a mistress to lock up her belongings from her servants and opportunities for pilfering are numerous. Yet stealing is comparatively rare. The majority of business men are convinced of woman's fidelity in responsible positions and her ability to discharge important duties. Never were there such opportunities for capable, energetic women as at present await them in the business world."

With due allowance for the arguments of both sides it remains true that women in the last ten years have won a reputation for honesty in places of responsibility and trust.

DANGER OF PNEUMONIA.

The physicians of the country are fully aroused to the gravity of the situation regarding pneumonia, a disease, which until recently has been regarded with practical indifference, and have sounded a note of warning which should be heeded by all. Pneumonia is much more deadly than small pox and is as easily communicated, yet localities that would be thrown into a general panic at the intelligence of a case of small pox in their neighborhood, take little heed of a death from pneumonia.

The ravages of pneumonia usually accompany the beginning of winter, and at this season especially people should take warning of the dangers from the disease, though it is not necessary to take fright. While pneumonia is more prevalent in cold weather, it is not a winter disease by any means. The pneumonia germ travels at all seasons and often attacks the victim in midsummer with equally serious results.

While a sure preventive for pneumonia has not been discovered, the observations of students of the disease invariably reveal the fact that the patient is the victim of overwork, exposure, or some other cause that has produced a low state of vitality. Those who take pains to avoid overtaxing the strength and wearing out of the system by this or that excess need have little fear of the dreaded pneumonia germ.

Startling figures upon violence in labor conflicts are presented in an article in The Outlook compiled by Slanson Thompson, a Chicago statistician. The record covers the period between January 1, 1902, and September 30, 1904. In this two years and nine months there were killed in strikes 198 persons; injured, 1,966, and arrested, 6,114. These means that on an average six persons were killed, 60 injured and 185 arrested each month—an appalling statement. An examination of the details shows that of those killed 125 were non-union men, 56 unionists and 17 officers. Of those injured 1,626 were non-unionists and the balance about equally divided between union men and officers. In the arrests the proportion of unionists to non-unionists was almost fourteen to one.

CHRISTMAS.

No day in the whole year contains so much happiness as this. It is the festival of altruism; the joy of receiving benefits is doubled with the joy of conferring them. Christmas is the carnival of generosity and its tokens are smiles, shining eyes and words of encouragement and good cheer. To impart merriment and hope and benefit to those we know is the duty of the day, and custom has made the habit pleasant. For weeks there have been plannings and mysterious conferences in the household; on Christmas day it culminates in the glad laugh of the child or the serious half-fearful gratitude and gladness of the needy recipient.

Christmas eve the tree is dressed and the stockings hung. Vague memories of "Marley's Ghost" and "Night Before Christmas," float through the minds of parents, or perhaps of bachelor and spinster. The ghost of "Christmas Past," comes readily to the call of most of us. Those were days when the old fellows could scarcely sleep, waiting for the sound of Kris Kringle's bells on the roof tops, and the mother of today remembers with a certain holiness her childhood dreams of years ago. And as the hours of the eve melted into Christmas day the memories and the dreams waxed strong, only to vanish under the alchemist's touch of the Spirit of the Day.

The day before Christmas was a day of dreams; Christmas day a day of facts. Triumphant surprises, solid and substantial comfort, turkey and cranberry sauce is the regular order. Some is the Mecca of all. The domestic gods are moved before bright fires. The holly and the mistletoe and the evergreen form the framework of the merriest, happiest and most beautiful pictures of the whole year.

It is fitting, too, that the great festival should fall this year upon Sunday. In the gladness of the day we are too apt to forget the religious significance of it. King Misrule and the Yule log distract attention from the Christ-child and the lonely man. But this year when the deep throated bells ring in the joyous feast they will summon also to prayer and thanksgiving, and it becomes doubly a day of rest and praise. Anthems from choirs and hymns from pews will convey an added solemnity. The world is at rest and the world is happy. All may celebrate the season after their own fashion or desire, but the sum of all is to give and receive happiness, benefit and good cheer.

A BOY KILLS FATHER.

Another murder has occurred in his section. In this a boy has killed his own father. But he did it to save his mother and his brothers and sisters. For years Charles Harder, a tall fellow well met when out with men and away from home, has been a veritable demon when he was in his rags at home. He has harassed his wife and made home a hell for his children. He has threatened to kill them, separately and together. He has been a bully to his weaker wife and children.

So when he came home one night his week intoxicated and with his knife and gun in his hands drove his family out of doors, the mother and family hid in the barn. Then Harder laid down his gun and started out to find them that he might abuse and maltreat them. His son John, aged 17 years, picked up the gun and madened by the inhuman treatment that his father had measured out to his family he shot his father in the back. As the drunken man turned the boy fired again, the bullet taking effect in the father's breast and producing instant death. The boy came to Honestale and gave himself up to authorities. He has been released on parole that he may assist in taking care of his mother and brothers and sisters.

The boy did wrong to murder his father but will convict him of the crime. The wrong that the father has done his wife and family all these years cannot be held before any men of a like kind too strongly. If there are any more such they should be made to suffer before such a fate as that which befell Charles Harder shall come upon them. Men who treat their families in such a shameful manner should be placed where they cannot do so and the wife that puts up with such a husband is doing him and herself an injustice. The bummer husband is a parasite who should be treated with some powerful germicide. Else he may be cut down by murder.

LETTER CARRIERS ARE BUSY.

These are busy days for the letter carriers. Their burdens are heavy and their troubles many. For the next week they will have more than they can do. Practically all the Christmas greetings that go in the form of cards and a large proportion of the gifts which are bestowed at this time of year are sent by mail. The letter carriers in both city and on the R. F. D. routes rank first among the helpers of Santa Claus. For promptness and patience and the intelligence and zeal with which they meet their responsibilities they should have a unanimous vote of thanks.

All kinds of legal blanks for sale at this office.

CHURCHES MAKE GAINS.

Despite the fact that this is regarded as an agnostic age, great encouragement can be taken by church organizations in the denominational reports for the past year. They indicate a healthy increase in membership. The Episcopal church leads with a gain of three per cent on its membership, of the previous year, while the growth of population is estimated at about two per cent. The Episcopal church added 25,915 to its membership making its present figures 807,351.

The rate of increase in the Presbyterian church was 2½ per cent. The gain in membership was 27,431, and the total number is 1,094,908. The advance sheets of the Methodist year book show that the increase of that denomination was 14.5 per cent. The total membership of the Methodist church is 3,064,735.

Several scores of factories in Chicago are looking for new business locations. That is not because the "Queen City" does not possess every desirable advantage of transportation by land and water, banking facilities and an abundance of business capital. But labor troubles there are driving manufacturers out, and that is one of the things encountered by almost every town in the country. It effects the larger towns more, where there are more chances for stronger combinations. For the past four years the population of Chicago has not grown.

Farmers are greatly pleased with the operations of the oleomargarine law as amended in 1902. The effect of these amendments is shown by the diminution in the receipts by the Government of the tax on oleomargarine which in 1902 were \$2,526,328 and had dropped four fifths to \$484,097 in 1904. The output of oleo in the last year was 48,071,000 pounds, a considerable drop from the high-water mark of 126,316,427 in 1902.

Misplaced Devotion.

She was tall, with wavy brown hair and rich, deep brown eyes, just like all brunettes in novels. He was undersized and impecunious, but impressionable and ardent. They lived at the same boarding house for a time. With her he was sentimental, tender, earnest, also inclined to be rash and extravagant with his small earnings in bringing gifts of candy and the like. It is whispered that in a moment of recklessness he bought her two ice cream sodas in succession. But this could never be verified. Circumstances over which she had no control caused her to leave the boarding house without bidding him goodby. Carelessly, too, she neglected to leave her address. He applied to the boarding house mistress in grave distress of soul. "Do you know," he asked, "where Miss Jones has gone?" "Now, look here, Mr. Blank," said the kindly woman, "let me advise you not to worry too much about Miss Jones. She's engaged. Didn't you see that ring?" "Engaged?" he gasped, backing toward the mantle and blindly grabbing at a bunch of cat tails for support. "Engaged, did you say? And, great heavens, she let me buy her peanut brittle!"—Brooklyn Eagle.

Salt Lake's Water.

"When once you understand the art of bathing in the great Salt Lake of Utah it is the finest diversion on earth, but it is not apt to result pleasantly to the man who does not heed the advice of the experienced," said a citizen of Salt Lake City. "At any other bathing resort in the world the swimmer can play in the waves, dive and disport himself as he pleases, but not so in this wonderful sheet of water in the west and all on account of its extraordinary saline qualities. So heavily is it charged with brine that unless the bather protects his eyes, nose and ears from liquid contact he will receive such stinging punishment as will make him bitterly regret having entered the water. To get even a little of it in the mouth is cause for grief. But when he knows enough to protect himself in sensitive places he will admit that nowhere in the world is the bathing so fine or so stimulating in its effects."—Washington Post.

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TOWANDA, PA.

THE MYSTIC MISTLETOE.

Once a Feature of Pagan Rites, It Now Belongs to Lovers.

From time immemorial the white berried mistletoe has played a leading part in Yuletide festivities, though it has not always conveyed the osculatory privileges which give it its value in the eyes of the romantic youth of today. Like so many other features of the Christmas celebration, mistletoe has been borrowed from the pagans of antiquity and Christianized by the lapse of centuries. The Persians before the birth of Christ used the mistletoe in their sacred rites, and in parts of India pagan priests still incorporate it in their ritual. It figures largely in Scandinavian mythology. Baldur, the son of Odin, though a demigod, was slain by a spear of mistletoe, a proof of its magic powers.

It is from the Druids of old England, however, that mistletoe has come to us. The Druidical priests, sprung, it is said, from the magi of the east, the wise men who worshiped at the cradle of the infant Saviour, held the mistletoe as their most sacred possession, and the cutting of the pretty parasite from the oak, the tree which the Druids claimed God loved more than any other, was attended with the greatest solemnity. On the Druids' festival day a grand procession, leading two white oxen, moved to the mystic grove. There the oxen were fastened to the oak by their horns, and a white robed priest climbed into the leafless branches and cut the bunches of mistletoe with a golden knife. The oxen were then sacrificed and religious services performed, after which the procession returned to the temple in the forest and the mistletoe was deposited in the Druidical arcanum.

Besides taking its place in the religious observances of the Druids, the mistletoe, which the priests gave a name meaning "all healing," was made into many curious decoctions by processes in which times and seasons and incantations were supposed to add to its mysterious powers. These medicines were regarded as cures for human ills generally, whether of mind or body.

With the advance of civilization and the death of superstition mistletoe has lost its religious character, but not its popularity, and the forests of England and of our own southern states are as eagerly frequented by mistletoe gatherers as ever were the dark woods of the ancient Druids.

CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN.

One Day When There Are Neither Rich Nor Poor.

If you were in Sweden on Christmas eve you would hear the church bells begin to ring at 5 o'clock, for everybody stops work then and the festivities begin in great earnest everywhere in the kingdom. Class distinctions are forgotten and servants are allowed to sit at table with the family. After supper comes the universal Christmas tree, for Sweden is one of the early homes of this beautiful custom.

On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, while it is still dark, you would go to church, for everybody goes, unless you stayed at home to mind the lights in the house, for every home in the kingdom is illuminated. There is almost sure to be a deep snow, and you would go to church in a sleigh. Behind every sleigh you would see two boys standing on the runners and holding pine torches—a beautiful spectacle as a long procession of sleighs glides over the snow on a forest road. These torches are stuck up in a circle around the church. A whole week is given to good cheer and hospitality.

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Christmas

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M. J. LONG.



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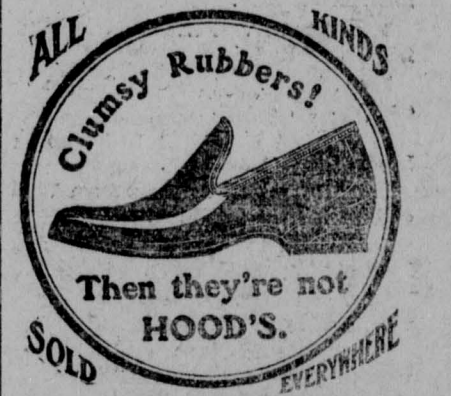
The smile will last through the long winter evenings when the family can be entertained with the latest songs, the music of the best composers, and dance to the waltzes of the masters. We have all sizes ranging from \$12 to \$45 in price. These prices are special Holiday prices and cannot be repeated.

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Political Announcement

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Register and Recorder, subject to the rules of the Republican party of Bradford County. Primary will be held June 10, 1906.

CHARLES P. DEWEY

Gillett, Pa., Aug. 25, 1904.

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I thereby announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the rules of the Republican party and pledge my best efforts for the welfare of the county.

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A Christmas Deal

By FREDERIC TREAT.

It was Christmas eve at the Eyrie, the country seat of the Martins, set on a pinnacle in the hills. The place had been opened for the holidays, and the family, with a number of guests, formed a delightful "house party." Tonight general merrymaking was in order. In the hall before the great open fireplace, in which logs were blazing, sat Edith Martin with Ralph Arnold, a recent arrival from the west who had been devoted to her since they had first met, a week before.

"You are not in harmony with the occasion," he said to her. "Instead of a happy Christmas look on your face there is a troubled one."

She drew back for a moment as if withholding a confidence, then suddenly let it all out.

"I must tell you," she said, "but you are not to breathe a word to any one. He is coming by the train that arrives at 11:40 and will be here at 12. He must go back to the city early tomorrow on important business, and—here she lowered her voice to a whisper—"I am to accept him before this gay night is over."

"Who is he?"

"John Trotter, dealer in foreign laces, a thorough business man and rich. Papa has lost a great deal of money by



THE DOOR OPENED AND MR. TROTTER ENTERED.

the shrinkage in stocks, and Mr. Trotter is going to help him over so much to enable him to hold what he has till the market rises again.

"And the bonus is your hand?"

"That's very near the truth."

"The contract is to be signed at 12 midnight?"

"I have promised that if Mr. Trotter will come up this evening I will give him my answer."

"It will be yes?"

"It must be yes."

"That is, if he arrives."

"If he doesn't I shall have to nerve myself anew on another occasion."

"How much money is he to loan your father?"

"Papa said it was something like half a million."

"I think they might have left you to spend this Christmas happily. How miserable it is to be poor! If I were rich I might save you this sacrifice, and—"

"You wouldn't charge any bonus," she was looking very steadily at the leaping flames.

"Oh, the bonus! It wouldn't be any kindness to you to take you out of the frying pan and put you into the fire."

"I'd rather burn on a gridiron than sizzle in a pan."

The young man sat toying with his watch chain. Had the girl looked at him she would have seen that the expression on his face was not in keeping with the unemotional tones of his voice.

"If he fails to arrive on time and it is possible for you to jump into the fire, will you do so?"

"There is no fire to jump into."

There was another pause. The logs were crackling; the fire was sending a genial warmth and light through the paneled hall. From the rooms adjoining came shouts of laughter as some one was caught and kissed under the mistletoe.

"I am a promoter," said Arnold presently. "It is my business to secure funds for carrying out enterprises. Suppose I could get this loan for your father?"

They were speaking very deliberately—so deliberately that one might have thought they were two people of business making a bargain.

"At the same interest he will pay Mr. Trotter?" she asked.

"How much is that?"

"Now I think of it, I heard papa say 4 per cent."

"That would be satisfactory."

Miss Martin may have been considering the matter of interest. At any rate, it was some time before she reached the next step.

"The bonus?" she asked under her breath.

"That would depend upon whether you would rather 'burn' than 'fry,' or, rather, whether you prefer neither to burn nor fry."

"It would not be fair to withhold the bonus. Nevertheless if it were a burden instead of a blessing—"

He did not help her out. Instead he took out his watch and noted the hour. It was five minutes to 12.

"It is understood and agreed," he said, "that if the party of the first part doesn't show up when the clock strikes 12 the show of the second part shall consider herself released from signing

the contract and will make the same arrangement with the party of the third part—that in lieu of the sum of half a million dollars at 4 per cent interest."

"The bonus?" She was losing her business equanimity, tapping her foot on the lion skin beneath it. There remained only a few minutes to 12, and the party of the first part might walk in at any moment.

"The bonus shall be optional."

"With whom?"

"The party of the second part."

"But the party of the third part?"

"Will only accept it entire. The heart must go with the hand."

"It's a bargain," she said, extending her hand, which he grasped. At the same moment the clock at the other end of the hall began to strike the hour. It was an old fashioned time-keeper with enormous weights and wheezed out its arithmetic strokes with provoking slowness. The pair sat motionless, their clasped hands concealed under a fold of the lady's dress, their eyes turned upon the front door. Each stroke brought them nearer to a consummation of their bargain. At the fourth there was a tinkle of the electric doorbell. At the eighth a servant passed the couple on his way to open the front door. Arnold put out his foot, and the man went sprawling on the floor. At the eleventh stroke the servant was on his feet and rubbing his shins. At the twelfth he proceeded on his way. There was a pressure between the two concealed hands. In another moment the door opened and Mr. Trotter entered.

But what entered with him? Christmas morning. Twenty such mornings had come in the lifetime of Edith Martin, but none that brought her such relief and at the same time such happiness as this one. Instead of being obliged to sacrifice herself to save her father she had accepted a man whom the first moment she saw him she knew to be the man she could love.

Ralph Arnold was indeed a promoter and had made a fortune in organizing gold mines. The day after Christmas he telegraphed his acceptance of an offer he had had for his principal mine and loaned the proceeds to Mr. Martin, who in six months regained all he had lost. Mrs. Ralph Arnold on last Christmas eve, sitting before a blazing fire beside her eldest daughter, now sixteen, told her the story of her Christmas deal.

Christmas Service in Stable.

At Santa Cruz, Cal., there is an old Spanish church in which the people worship only on Christmas eve. Externally it looks like a stable and has no chandelier. The floor and walls are of stone, and on the eastern side there is a manger, looking through the bars of which one sees the scenes of the Nativity, with the towers of castles and palaces in the distance. In the foreground the Virgin sits by the manger, holding the infant Saviour, with St. Joseph leaning over her and the wise men offering sheep, oxen and various precious gifts. Outside this exterior stable there are figures of men carrying sheep and calves on their shoulders, hastening to the sacred scene. In this chapel worshippers remain all night on their knees. This manger side of the church is against the east wall, high upon which is the only window in the edifice, so that the first rays of the morning sun irradiate the scenes of the Nativity. The rays lend a rosy glow, and as soon as this reaches the worshippers they leave the church, light cigarettes and begin their festivities.

A Christmas Game.

A Yuletide version of the donkey party is played this: On a sheet sketch or paste a design of a Christmas tree. Have each branch of the tree terminate in a circle containing a number, using the numbers from one to ten or one to twenty-five, according to the size of the tree. Each person playing is blindfolded in turn and is given a rosette with which he must "decorate the tree." Each person aims to pin his or her rosette on or near to the highest number of the tree. Each competitor has three trials, the three numbers to which he pins nearest being written down to his credit by the hostess, who keeps tally. The one whose three numbers added together gives the largest sum total wins the first prize.

Found Guilty of Killing Superior.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 18.—James W. Ezell, a telegraph operator, charged with the murder of Yardmaster W. G. Porter of Newell, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. When Ezell reported for duty on the day of the crime he was manifestly unfit for service and on being told by the yardmaster that he could not go to work attacked him with a razor.

Fatal Trolley Car Collision.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 18.—One person was killed, one fatally injured and several others received serious injuries in a collision between two trolley cars on the Slatington line of the Lehigh Valley Traction company. The accident occurred at the iron bridge in this city and was due to the signals failing to work.

Cost of New Empire State Canal.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Results of bidding on the six "test" contracts for the construction of the 1,000 ton barge canal have convinced the state authorities in charge of the improvement that the entire work can be accomplished well within the \$101,000,000 appropriated.

Christmas Day.

Oh, blessed day which gives the eternal To self and sense and all the brute within—

Oh, come to us amid this war of life: To hall and hovel come; to all who toil In senate, shop or study and to those Who, sundered by the wastes of half a world,

Ill warned and sorely tempted, ever face Nature's brute powers and men unmanly to brute—

Come to them, best and blessing, Christmas day.

Tell them once more the tale of Bethlehem—

The kneeling shepherds and the Babe divine—

And keep them men indeed, fair Christmas day.

FRENZIED FINANCE.

Lawson Hits Back at Rogers, Who Warned Magazine Circulators.

ISSUES A NEW PROCLAMATION

Boston Copper Miner and Publicist Says He Will Show Up Advertisers Who Withdraw Their Support From His Publishers.

New York, Dec. 20.—The newspaper and monthly magazine attack now being made by Thomas W. Lawson of Boston against the Standard Oil and Amalgamated Copper interests, which he calls "the system," took on a new phase. Mr. Lawson announced in his new famous advertisements that he intends to write a new chapter of "Frenzied Finance," giving the names and the histories of those advertisers who are allowing themselves to be bulldozed by "the system."

Mr. Lawson asserts that the great advertisers in the magazine in which his articles have been appearing are "being worked upon" by "the system," and that the "receipts from advertising this month are \$15,000 less than last, and more withdrawals are threatened."

"This war has been begun in deadly earnest," continues Mr. Lawson, "and I intend to strike back. If there is an insurance president, a soapmaker, a banker, who has not the manliness to stand up against 'the system,' I intend to let the American people know it, that they may discontinue the purchase of his goods in favor of those who have the fairness and pluck to stand up and be counted."

Rogers Warns News Company.

Mr. Lawson's advertisement is understood to have been called forth by a communication sent to the American News company by the firm of Undermyer & Beck, counsel for Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil and president of the Amalgamated Copper companies. When questioned concerning this document E. J. Ridgway of the Ridgway-Thayer company made public the communication in question, which he explained had been forwarded to him by the news company.

"We are instructed by our client, Mr. Henry H. Rogers, to advise you that information has come to him to the effect that in the forthcoming issue of Everybody's Magazine (January number) is included an article by Thomas W. Lawson entitled 'Frenzied Finance' containing grossly libelous statements concerning Mr. Rogers, amounting, as we are advised, to criminal libel. We beg herewith to direct your attention to this article and respectfully to notify you on behalf of Mr. Rogers that your company and officers will be held liable for the circulation of the magazine containing the offending article."

Mr. Ridgway, when asked what he was going to do about this letter, said that his company would go ahead and get out the magazine as usual and that, so far as he knew, it would be handled as usual by the American News company.

Lawson's "Revelations."

It became clearly evident when the copies of the magazine containing Lawson's latest article were placed on sale why Rogers had endeavored to prevent the American News company from circulating them. In his current "revelations" Mr. Lawson charges Mr. Rogers with furnishing \$300,000 for the purpose of bribing a receiver for Addicks' Bay State Gas company to vacate his receivership and settle with the parties to the suit in which the receiver had been appointed. Mr. Rogers, Lawson asserts, was cautious in devising some method of paying over the money, so as to conceal his connection with the case, and finally arranged that it should be transferred to the persons for whom it was intended through the Republican national campaign committee under the guise of a Delaware campaign fund. Incidentally Mr. Lawson charges that, as a result of a conference with Mark Hanna, H. H. Rogers raised \$5,000,000 in the campaign of 1896 for the purpose of carrying five doubtful states for McKinley in his fight against Bryan.

The most striking passages in the Lawson article to which Mr. Rogers evidently takes exception are as follows:

Having reached this point, the next problem was how to get the money. Rogers refused absolutely to be a party to any payment that could be traced back to him. He canvassed the sources of hazard. First, through a money broker on the part of Foster, Brame or Addicks, he might be accused of bribing a court officer, the receiver; Addicks might blackmail him by charging him with conspiracy, or a conspiracy charge might be brought by Bay State stockholders and he be held for tremendous damages. He refused to put himself into any such trap. I put forward a dozen ways to meet the emergency, but he would have none of them.

Finally he suggested a method which was certainly perfect of its kind. He began by letting me into the secret that the chances of a McKinley victory in the election the following week looked pretty bad and that the latest canvass of the states showed that unless something radical was done Bryan would surely win. Hanna had called into consultation half a dozen of the biggest financiers in Wall street, and it was decided to turn at least five of the doubtful states. To do this a fund of \$5,000,000 had been raised under Rogers' direction. It was turned over to Mark Hanna and McKinley's cousin, Osborne, through John Moore, the Wall street broker, who was acting as Rogers' representative in collecting the money. It would be legitimate for the national committee to pay out money to carry Delaware, and he (Rogers) would arrange it that the coin to satisfy Brame and Foster should come through this channel. Thus he would be completely protected.

It is astonishing how much time some people have to spare for the supervision of other people's business and how well they do it—in their minds.—Binghamton Press.

WIVES ON CHRISTMAS TREES

Strange Christmas Customs That Prevail in Parts of Russia.

Of all Christmas tree customs, one of the strangest prevails in parts of Russia. A gift tree is set up in the village, on the branches of which roost young unmarried women, clothed and hooded and veiled so that their identities as concealed. The swains are admitted one by one, just as they are in our familiar American game of "spat," spat out. Each as he enters lifts a veil—of course at random—and the face thus disclosed belongs to his future wife. The act of lifting the veil betrays the couple, the penalty for breaking the engagement being a heavy fine to be paid into the village treasury.

Another Russian custom is a procession of children dressed in fantastic animal costumes. One boy holds aloft



A RUSSIAN CHRISTMAS TREE.

a star shaped paper lantern to represent the "star of the east;" another carries on his back a miniature theater, on the stage of which puppet performances like "Punch and Judy" shows are given at every farmhouse where the motley pageant halts.

The modern Christmas tree comes to us from Germany, the Yule log from Scandinavia, Santa Claus from Holland and the Christmas stocking from France, but the Christmas turkey—ah, that is America's contribution to the world's stock of Christmas cheer! But there is one part of the world where the people are afraid to eat turkey. In Armenia it would be too much like treason to their cruel ruler, the Turk. If they do venture to eat the fowl they call it "Egyptian hen." Down in Egypt they name it "Indian hen." Thus both Armenians and Egyptians save themselves from Moslem vengeance.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Christmas Table Decorations.

The dinner table itself should proclaim the season by its decoration. A snowy cloth patterned with holly leaves or mistletoe, a centerpiece of glossy holly leaves and brilliant berries, silver candelabra and silver bonbon dishes are appropriate and dignified. Flat wreaths of holly tied with bows of "berry" red ribbon are very effective on the table, one in the center and one encircling each candelabrum. A silver or a cut glass bowl of holly and meteor roses or holly and mistletoe may be set in the wreath to complete the centerpiece. The outline of the Christmas star may be used instead of the wreaths. In this case the bows of ribbon are omitted. And for the guest ends either bells, stars, plum puddings, holly or ivy leaves, cut and painted and ornamented with Christmas verse or greetings, are appropriate, and a little silk stocking of bonbons may be laid by each card as a souvenir.

BENTLEY CREEK.

The Baptists held their donation for Rev. Seymour Barrett at the Grange hall in this place; there was quite a large attendance. Proceeds \$24.50.

Harry Burnham, formerly of this place, but who is attending school at Mansfield, is spending his vacation of two weeks with his parents at this place.

The High school of this place is going to have an entertainment and Christmas ship instead of a tree in the Baptist church on Friday evening, Dec. 23. All are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. Harvey Cooper is very sick with typhoid fever near this place, but is doing as well as can be expected. Dr. Pratt is attending her, with Mrs. Frankie Gates as nurse.

LAKE WESAUKING.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Drake, have returned home from attending the State grange at Erie. Miss Polly Bull has returned from a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Frederick, in North Rome.

Miss Amanda Barnes, who has been seriously ill at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John McIntyre, has recovered and was able to be brought to her home in this place on Saturday last.

Mrs. John Conklin and Mrs. Stephen Harlow are convalescing slowly. Miss Annie Collins has returned to her home in Ghent, where she will spend the winter.

POWELL.

The dime social at Joseph Brown's on Dec. 16 netted \$7.15 for the M. E. Sunday school. There was a dime social at the home of Mrs. Lou Brown on Monday evening for the Presbyterian Sunday school.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, and in the M. E. church on Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. Wheeler visited the Sayre hospital on Monday.

JAPS TAKE A FORT.

Gain a Foothold on Keekwan Mountain, Port Arthur.

RUSSIANS ABANDON SHIPS.

Wireless Fleet Absolutely Demolished. Details of the Torpedoing of the Turret Ship Sevastopol—Bravery of the Mosquito Squadron.

Tokyo, Dec. 19.—Confirmation has been received here of the report that the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur has stormed and captured North fort, on East Keekwan mountain, after exploding a mine under the fortifications.

Official reports state that the Russians at Port Arthur have abandoned the battleships Peresviet, Poitava, Pobieda and Retyizan and the cruisers Pallada and Bayan.

Vice Admiral Togo's report upon the torpedo operations against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol says:

"On the night of Dec. 14 our torpedo flotillas made a gallant and brave series of attacks against the Russian turret ship Sevastopol."

"The flotillas arrived outside the entrance to Port Arthur about midnight on that date. The leading flotilla, under Commander Uchida, and a special torpedo boat, partly for attack and partly to reconnoiter, approached the Sevastopol at 1 o'clock, and under the searchlights and fire of the enemy's ships and shore batteries they attacked her."

"A shell struck Commander Mitamura's torpedo boat, and four shots hit Commander Nakamura's boat, wounding three sailors."

"Subsequently our flotillas attacked, acting independently."

"Flotilla A, Commander Kasama, advanced first for the purpose of destroying the defenses protecting the Sevastopol and also to draw and divert the fire under the enemy's searchlights. Flotilla B, Commander Jinguji; Flotilla C, Commander Otaki; Flotilla D, Commander Seki, and Flotilla E, Commander Kawase, approached successively and bravely continued the attacks from 2 until 4 o'clock in the morning."

"Commander Otaki's flotilla approached the closest and delivered the most vigorous attack."

Torpedo Boats Hit.

"While retreating one torpedo boat received several shots simultaneously, her commander, Lieutenant Nakahori, and five others being killed. The boat lost freedom of motion, and Lieutenant Nakahara's boat went to the rescue and despite the heavy fire endeavored to save her. While towing the boat the enemy's shells severed the hawser. Lieutenant Nakahara's boat was also hit and one man killed. Subsequently several shells hit and almost disabled Lieutenant Nakahara's boat, forcing him to abandon his comrade ship, which was sinking. Lieutenant Nakahara, however, steamed back, rescued the crew and abandoned the torpedo boat to her fate."

"Commander Kawase's boat, belonging to the same flotilla, was struck by a shell, killing one of the crew and wounding Lieutenant Takahashi and two sailors."

"Lieutenant Shono's boat was hit and one of the crew killed and five wounded. The boat was temporarily disabled, but the comrade ships, with Lieutenants Watacabo and Mori commanding, protected and rescued her. All the other boats, bravely facing the enemy's fire, succeeded in delivering attacks without suffering any damage."

Numerous Torpedoes Hit Sevastopol. "The result of their attacks is not definitely known, although it is evident that numerous torpedoes took effect."

"The watchtower reporting on the following morning said that the Sevastopol had lowered at the bows considerably, facing toward south-southeast. Her condition is such that she does not change her position in the current. She is anchored close inshore in shallow water."

"It is a source of satisfaction that our torpedo attacks were delivered without the least confusion. Each boat rendered material assistance to its comrades. The skillful maneuvering and bravery of the officers and men inspire me with a deep feeling of satisfaction and confidence."

CARNAGE ON HIGH HILL.

Japanese Camp Follower's Story of Fort's Capture.

Chefu, Dec. 19.—A Japanese camp follower who saw a portion of the fighting at Two Hundred and Three Meter hill (High hill) and who arrived here from Dalny says that Commander Mizzenoff's description of the fighting is not exaggerated. He believes, however, that the Russian losses were heavier than stated by Commander Mizzenoff, as the Russians repeatedly tried to re-enforcements until it seemed that the entire garrison must have been in that section.

The Russian dead, he said, were indiscriminately mingled with the heaps of Japanese dead. The slope of Two Hundred and Three Meter hill being very steep and smooth, the Japanese prepared for their advance by shelling the hillside. The shells in exploding hollowed out footholds. In some instances the Japanese found a section behind the heaps of their own dead.

Life's Changes.

The great novel, the great book of any sort, is no longer being written for exactly the same reason that the Gothic cathedral is no longer being built, not because men have become incapable of it nor because its possibilities are exhausted, but because unforeseen changes in social and economic conditions have rendered it impossible.—H. G. Wells.

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The Many Shapes of Santa Claus

A Christmas Poem
By Aloysius Coll

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I.
How many shapes has Santa Claus!
How many, many places
He spreads the kindness of his cause
And shows his happy faces!
He scrambles down the chimney flue,
He lights the window pane,
He enters in the doorway, too,
No matter what the damp or dew
Or hail or snow or rain!

II.
He is the sexton in the tower,
And rings the Christmas chime;
Behind the pen he is the power
Of every Christmas rhyme;
A jolly baker man is he,
And, rolling up his sleeves,
He bakes a cake for you and me,
The candy animals we see,
And fruits and flowers and leaves.

III.
He is a coachman—watch him make
His huge deliveries
Of gifts so many that they break
The waiting Christmas trees!
Around, about, and in and out
He drives from door to door;
Expressman, too, without a doubt,
Mail man, and Cupid's roustabout
And angel of the poor.

IV.
He is a florist, busy quite
As any honeybee
Among the roses red and white
That bloom for you and me;
A tailor, too—his fingers fly,
Like shuttles in a race,
From silk to satin, ply on ply,
And stitch on stitch that multiply
In webs of gold and lace!

V.
How many shapes has Santa Claus!
We love them, every one,
For all the kindness of his cause—
The good that he has done.
The millionaire that sends abroad
His wagon to the poor;
Artisan, tiller of the sod—
Whoever gives a gift from God—
He is another Santa Claus
Knocking at your door!

The Mystery of the Ring

A Christmas Story
By Everett Holbrook

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SANTA CLAUS hasn't aged a day. It is fifteen years since I saw him last, and ten more at least since he first dawned upon my view in the old church and swept away from my childish mind every possible doubt as to the reality of the cheeriest saint in the calendar. Yet here he is tonight, the same old Charley Clarke, in a buffalo overcoat and a white wig and beard. Many of his jests are the same, and none the worse for that. The congregation would protest if he omitted any of his familiar quips.

The church has changed somewhat, and for the better, but the backs of the pews are still topped by cylindrical moldings which torment the shoulder blades of adult worshippers. You may know a member of the orthodox congregation in Southfield by the way he sits down, for he always exhibits a peculiar caution in regard to the back of his chair. The single exception is my uncle, Horatio Stevens, who never relies upon any back except his own and at seventy-seven years sits up severely parallel with the perpendicular wall of the pew, but with a clear space of three inches behind his Sunday coat.

I can see him out of the corner of my left eye on this particular Christmas eve, and in the other end of the pew is my Aunt Anne, comfortable in the corner, not because of any advantage which the location offers, but because she carries a supply of comfort in her cheerful soul for herself and for those who come within the sphere of her influence.

Between my aunt and me sits the little orphan. This was she described in some old letter years ago, and when I was picking up presents here and there on my long journey back to Southfield I thought of her as still a child. The presents are on that big, glittering spruce tree in the corner, and I shall be ashamed when Charley Clarke finds the first of them and sends it down here by one of his gayly clad messengers. There is a string of quaint beads, for instance, that would be very nice for a schoolgirl, but what will this beautiful and accomplished young lady say to them? Something very courteous, no doubt, yet I wish I had brought her a jewel of price. As a member of the family I might have done so without impropriety, and I have a strong suspicion, though our acquaintance is so very brief, that the little orphan likes gems.

She has had no experience of them, poor child, for my Uncle Horatio has no money for extravagances. His circumstances are much narrower than I had supposed, and my conscience troubles me because I have not helped him. Yet how could I know? There is no man living who writes a briefer letter than Uncle Horatio nor one containing less information. And Aunt Anne rarely writes at all. She merely sends her love. Moreover, being genuine New England folks, the last thing they would ever do would be to communicate an essential fact to one of their relatives.

What's that that Charley Clarke has in his hand? It has the shape of a book I bought for Adelaide abroad. It is aggressively juvenile, but the pictures are really good, thank heaven! "Miss Adelaide Bancroft" announced Santa Claus in his funny, high keyed voice. "Looks as if it came from Europe. Now, who has been in Europe recently, I wonder?"

At this about half the assemblage turned toward me and laughed. It was like a great family around its Christmas tree, this gathering of honest hearted folks in the old First church of Southfield.

It certainly seemed to me that all my presents to Adelaide were wide of the mark, but her heart received them every one. That a stranger coming home across the world should have halted now and then to purchase trivial things for a girl whom he had never seen was sweet to her in a way that no man can understand. My wretched string of queer beads made a great impression. She handled them with a grace that made them beautiful, and when she had put them about her neck upon my word they almost seemed worth while.

I was beginning to be foolishly satisfied with myself when something happened that changed the whole situation in a moment. One of St. Nick's messengers delivered a small gift to Adelaide, who was already declaring that there couldn't be anything more for her and that she had never known such a Christmas in all her life. The new offering seemed to be a small cubical box wrapped in plain brown paper. Presently it disclosed itself to be a very pretty box indeed, covered with dark green velvet and having a somewhat puzzling spring to hold the lid.

Adelaide solved the trick of the spring after many trials, which served to heighten her interest and impatience. The lid flew back, and I caught a gleam of light. A faint cry escaped from the girl's lips, and her form became rigid. She gazed into the box with a devouring intensity.

"A diamond!" said I.
"Oh!" she cried, and she flashed a single glance upon me that expressed some exalted emotion which I have never experienced. As the perfumes of roses are indescribably refined and purified by endless processes that savor of magic, so gratitude was offered to me in its hundredth distillate in this glance of Adelaide's.

"No, no!" said I weakly, and when Aunt Anne looked at me solemnly over the top of her spectacles I shook my head in most decisive fashion.
"U-u-um," remarked Uncle Horatio, viewing the sparkling gem over my shoulder, "this is very extraordinary."
"Addie," said Aunt Anne, "don't you know who gave it to you?"

"I haven't the shadow of a guess," she replied, and gave me the faintest flash of a look such as I have already described.

"Word of honor," I protested, "it was not I."

The diamond was set in a ring and was above two carats in weight, as I judged by comparing it with a mental image of a stone belonging to my sister. It sparkled with exceptional brilliancy and exerted upon Adelaide a truly hypnotic fascination. I think that her eyes never wandered from it for more than ten seconds during the remainder of the exercises in the church, and when we were upon the street she held the gem before her at arm's length and followed this guiding star all the way home. It drew her forward with such speed that we three were able to discuss this mystery together without being overheard by her.

Of course I could contribute nothing in the way of information. I knew only that I had not given Adelaide the ring and that I wished the truth were otherwise. I supposed that the gift must have come from some bashful suitor of whom I had never heard.

"There's a young man named Frank Garland," said she. "He's the only one I can think of who'd have money enough to buy such a thing. But he's engaged to Stella Tracy. He's visiting with her folks for the holidays."

"We understand that he is in business in Boston," said Uncle Horatio, "and that he is worth quite a little money."

"But," said I, "if he is engaged to Miss Tracy, why?"

"Precisely," said Uncle Horatio. "Stella's as jealous of him as if there was only one man in the world and he was ME."

"What's that?" said Aunt Anne. "I never noticed that he was more than polite to Addie. Did you?"

And she glanced somewhat uneasily at her husband, who gravely shook his head. I perceived, however, that Miss Tracy must have disclosed a specific jealousy of Adelaide, and I began to feel a most unreasonable resentment toward Mr. Garland.

"I guess Addie'd better not wear the ring till we find out more about it," said I.

"Mr. Atwood," said I to the jeweler, "will you give me a genuine diamond that looks as much like this one as possible? First water and all that sort of thing, you understand. I know nothing about gems. I rely wholly upon you. I want it for—for a very sweet and lovable girl who—"

"Prospective engagement ring," said he, grinning. "I'll give you a lucky one."

said Uncle Horatio, and this view of the matter was presented to the poor girl when we reached the house. She paled somewhat and looked appealingly at me, but of course I couldn't say that I had given her the ring.

A sort of treaty was made whereby it was provided that Adelaide should keep the ring that night and should sit up as long as she pleased to admire it, but on the morrow she should give it into the custody of her foster mother pending an investigation.

This was done, but the subsequent investigation was singularly barren of results. For obvious reasons it was conducted with caution—with so much caution, indeed, that no light could possibly come out of it. However, upon



SHE PALED SOMEWHAT.

my own part I succeeded in reaching something which may be called an opinion. In brief, I decided that the ring had come from Garland, that Stella Tracy knew it, and that she was jealous to the verge of utter absurdity.

As to Garland's motive for making the gift, I groped in hopeless darkness. He was clearly not a man who would do such a thing from mistaken generosity. In fact, he was one who demanded a full return for all expenditures. Adelaide certainly did not know that Garland was the donor of the ring, and if he should tell her so she would give it back. Such being the case, what had the man gained? What could he hope to gain? Though he had shown some tendency to flirt with Adelaide, he really seemed to be in love with Stella, and moreover, she was quite an heiress, while Adelaide had but a penny. This was a distinction less likely than almost any other to be overlooked by Frank Garland unless I greatly misjudged him.

So the days went by, and we learned nothing. At last, however, I had a promising idea. If the ring came from Garland it was probably bought in Boston. The jeweler could identify the ring, and almost anybody in the trade would know whence came the box. This had once borne the name of a dealer upon the inside, but the mark had been carefully obliterated.

The upshot of it was that I made a trip to Boston, taking the mysterious present with me. I also took one of Adelaide's kisses—more probably a hundred, though I saw only one. It was, I regret to say, bestowed, like all the others, upon an inanimate object, the ring.

The very first man to whom I took this object, now doubly precious to me, for reasons which I have just stated, solved all my doubts in the matter.

"Yes," said he slowly as he scrutinized the box, "that comes from the Ajax Diamond company. They make a very clever imitation—sold honestly as paste, of course. It looks right well—very good fire, as we say—for three to six months; then the stone becomes dull. This one probably cost about \$10."

I stared at him, aghast at this revelation of iniquity. What fiend in human form had devised this unique and dreadful torture for poor Adelaide? I grew cold at heart as I pictured her in the dread day when the only diamond she had ever owned, the very diamond of her girlhood dreams, should fade into a bit of leaden glass.

Who, indeed? Why, how simple! Who was Adelaide's enemy? Who had recently been to Boston? Who could afford \$10 for a spiteful trick? Whose intuition would teach her how to make another girl truly miserable? Stella Tracy, beyond a doubt.

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The Letter She Sent

A Christmas Sketch
By Zoe Anderson Norris

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THIS was the Christmas letter she wrote him:
I think, my friend, that it would be best if you remain where you are. Of course you must know that it is not because I don't want to see you. I do! I do! But there are many reasons why I should not; why it would be best if I never met again. In the first place, after a succession of sleepless nights and heartaches, I have learned to do without you. I have learned to live quietly, composedly; rising of mornings and going about my work in a leaden sort of way. It is true, but calmly; without much hope of happiness—without any, in fact, but also without that feverish restlessness which invariably follows upon the pursuit of happiness.

Indeed, I have resolutely put the hope of happiness aside. It is not for me. You see, I have reasoned the whole thing out elaborately, carefully, laboriously. It is not as if I were a young girl, rushing blindly into a future apparently colored de rose, but in reality full of pitfalls, deep, dark and treacherous. I am a widow. I have been married once. I know. A burnt child dreads the fire. I am a little afraid of a second venture, my friend.

Your letter lies before me. The address is blurred where I have kept it warm against my heart. It is quite evident that at present you are blind. Love is always blind for a little while—for a very little while, alas! I am beautiful. I am charming. I am always in your thoughts. The fates have willed that we shall be happy. You are determined to see me again. You await the word to come. One is unconsciously charming. Many women absolutely devoid of beauty have charmed. So I may be that, but I am no longer beautiful. I was beautiful once—that night I trailed up the long, perfumed aisle of a beflowered cathedral, the white bride of the man who promised there to love, protect and cherish me.

Love, protect, cherish! I fear I have lost faith in the belief that marriages are made in heaven. Heaven had little enough to do with that marriage. Yes! I was beautiful then and long after. People turned to look at me twice. Once two women passed me. One said, "Isn't she pretty?" And the other replied, "She is the prettiest woman in this town." So you see I must have possessed some real beauty to be admired by my own sex. Mustn't I? But now! But now! Nobody ever looks at me twice. Nobody ever turns deliberately around to look at me. Their glances rest idly upon me and pass—even those of the little boys who



WHAT WOULD BE YOUR FIRST THOUGHT?

used to do me homage, even those of the little girls who used to say: "Look at her! She is mine. I'm going to be like her when I am grown." Does this seem puerile to you? Does it seem childish? It is true, but a woman should die of her first wrinkle, for with it goes homage, and with homage, love.

Youth of itself is beauty—the delicate contour of the cheek, the fresh firmness of the skin, the unfaded red of the lip, the height of the eye, undimmed by tears. And I am no longer young. All my good, fresh youth was spent on that marriage of mine which was made in heaven. I have only the shadow of what I was left for you. Besides, I am older than you. Written, those seem ordinary words, just common, ordinary, everyday words, but weigh them, weigh them, for what I have there are no weights sufficiently heavy to balance their sorrow. Hope might lighten it, but there is no hope.

What if I should listen to your pleading—and it is like the tap of a glad finger at the door of my heart—afterward, when the eyes of your love had been cured of their blindness, what would be your first thought? This: "She is older than I!" I think you would not put the thought into words. You are too kind for that. But I should see it written in your face. I should behold my every defect mirrored in your eyes. That poor shadow of myself, which is all I have to offer you, would haunt me there.

Then despairingly I should attempt to revive that evanescent charm you say I possess in the effort to win you back and fall. For doubtless the charm exists in your imagination, now you are blind. Seeing, it would cease to exist.

Finally I should stand by the side of some fair young girl and, reading the comparison in these eyes of yours, suffer untold tortures—only such tortures as are known to the hearts of supplanted women. Stay where you are. That agony is more than I could endure and live. I tremble; I suffer in anticipation; I suffer acutely; the tears falling on the paper blot the words—

But this was the Christmas letter she sent:
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Canada places a duty of \$7 per ton on steel rails and never has yet made a rail and is not likely to make one. This would seem to be a worse than useless tariff protection.

Nebraska has good reason to feel proud of her grand crop of corn this year. She claims to hold second place among the corn producing states in amount produced, in quality of grain and yield per acre.

Typhoid fever is strictly a filth disease, the outcome of conditions which are entirely within the power of man to prevent and remove. Typhoid at a farm home means criminal neglect near by, usually in the water supply.

Until lately it was never supposed that the best soldier in the world would be the product of dried fish, sake, rice and \$1 per month. Japan has greatly surprised the world in this particular, especially the Russian people.

The worst feature in an economic way about bank failures is that they greatly discourage the habit of saving on the part of the people. When a man once loses his savings he is very apt to think that he had better spend his money as fast as he earns it.

The center of gravity is something which we all have to recognize, whether in locomotion or business, and the closer this center of gravity is to the earth the more safely will the locomotive run and business be conducted. This is one reason why farming is one of the safest businesses on earth.

It has come to this—that colored men in the south are getting able to attend auction sales of real estate, bid in plantations and draw their checks up to \$10,000 in payment for them. This ability to make money will prove the logical settlement of the much vexed race problem. When the darky gets rich the color of his hide will not count against him, but all prejudice disappears before the dollar.

The possibilities connected with agriculture under irrigation are simply wonderful. In the matter of raising potatoes we think 100 bushels to the acre a fair crop, 200 a good crop and 300 a big crop where we depend upon the natural rainfall, yet in Colorado there have been raised under irrigation as many as 1250 bushels of potatoes on one acre of land, in Utah ninety bushels of wheat on one acre and other crops in proportion.

A six-week-old sucking pig is worth about \$2 and will dress about twenty pounds. A turkey weighing as much will sell for more money. When the pig is properly cooked it is the better eating of the two. To have him taste just right he must be roasted with a cob in his mouth. This is the best possible use to make of the late fall pig, for if spared he nine times out of ten passes a miserable winter and comes out in the spring a hairy, ill favored scrub.

The farmers in Oklahoma are finding out that the soil and climate of that country are very accommodating when they learn how to do things. A farmer there the past season had a crop of winter wheat which the drought need up. He then sowed the field in April to spring oats, which also failed from the same cause. Nothing discouraged, he then disked the field and planted it to cotton in early June and raised a crop which was worth more money to him than both the other crops would have been had they matured. A fellow has evidently got to keep at it in Oklahoma.

One bad feature connected with labor in all large cities is its uncertainty, its lack of continuity. So many things operate to lay the city workman off—strikes, overproduction, business failures, fires—and idleness in a large city is never conducive to either the moral or financial well being of the workman. Another trouble is that all city employment is so intensely specialized that one man can rarely fill another's place, nor is he permitted to do so. The daily wage of a city workman, while it may seem large, becomes often pitifully small when total at the end of the year.

A friend went and looked over his cornfield after a killing early September frost. The field looked sick, and he looked blue. He intended to cut the field and put in his silo, and he feared the crop was spoiled for such use. Being hard pushed for rough feed, he finally decided to put this frost-killed corn in the silo and take his chances. When cut the leaves of the corn were white and shriveled, and the whole field had a bad smell. The silo was filled and not opened until February, when, to his great surprise, he found that he had most excellent silage, apparently just as palatable and good as though the corn had not been frozen. This result is worth nothing, for many a man has found himself in just the fix of our friend, with a cornfield blighted prematurely by frost and a lot of soft corn and worthless fodder on his hands. The silo is a savior in such a case.

SWEET CORN CANNERIES.

A short distance from where the writer lives is a sweet corn cannery where more corn is canned each year than in any other cannery in the world, the annual product being upward of 4,000,000 cans. The presence of this cannery has quite changed the crop production of the farms tributary to it, immense areas of sweet corn being planted each year, which one year with another returns the growers about \$20 per acre besides two tons or thereabout of very choice fodder. This crop, harvested when in the milk, makes a very light draft upon the fertility of the soil, a fact which has much to commend it. It further requires but a minimum amount of hired help to produce it and prepare it for market.

Some of the new cotton growing sections of Oklahoma which have been mightily particular not to let a colored man locate in the neighborhood are just now up against the proposition that it is hard to take care of a cotton crop without a darky.

Fire has been almost as great an enemy of our forests as the ax. Not a year passes that large tracts of valuable timber are not utterly destroyed. The very wasteful processes of modern lumbering provoke these fires and greatly increase their frequency and destructiveness.

It would be hard to beat this granger for gall. He had been owing a coal bill for two years, and when the coal man wanted to buy his load of hay he had to ante up the money for it in order to get it. The plea of the granger was that if he did not get the money from the coal man he could from some one else.

While the corn crop of 1904, take the whole country over, is not quite as large as that of 1890, still it is doubtful if a more profitable corn crop has ever raised owing to the good price which the corn demands and the very superior quality of the crop. The crop this year is made up of well matured ears, full of oil and fat forming properties, and is therefore worth more to feed than usual.

After all, it is the homely, old fashioned, common food which tastes the best and surfeits the least. The fancy bills of fare of dining cars, high priced hotels and banquet boards are simply not in it with the good old bill of fare mother used to cook at home. Simple food means good digestion; good digestion means good temper and good health. Pudding and milk beats pate de foie gras, and baked beans beats a French ragout.

The newly invented corn huskers are being given a good trial this season. So far as tried they seem to be able to husk about 500 bushels of corn per day and do it fairly well, or badly, as the condition of the standing corn in the field will permit. It will not result in doing the work so very much cheaper than by hand, but will enable men with big cornfields to be in a measure independent of so much hired help, and that is the main thing sought.

A reader wishes to know if he can grow red clover and blue grass together. These grasses may be sown together with advantage where a permanent blue grass pasture is desired. The first two years the field will be mostly clover, which will mostly disappear at the end of the second year, when the blue grass will fully occupy the ground. Where a blue grass meadow has become weedy and barren in spots there is no better treatment for it than to disk it both ways thoroughly with four horses and a well loaded disk, then harrow it smooth and sow about four quarts of medium clover seed per acre.

The corn belt proper really covers but a limited area of the vast territory of the United States. The Pacific coast will never raise any corn to speak of. The forty-third degree of north latitude marks the northern boundary of the territory where the crop may be depended upon. The eastern states are not suited to the production of the crop. Neither are the southern states. The eastern half of Kansas and Nebraska, the north half of Missouri, a limited section of South Dakota and the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio embrace about all of the available corn growing territory.

Notwithstanding that the disk harrow has proved to be one of the most useful farm tools ever invented it was very slow in coming into general use. The same thing is true of the manure spreader, which is a close second to the disk in point of value and usefulness. Where thirty head of stock are kept, be they cattle or horses, on any farm, the manure spreader will easily pay for itself every year. It makes the most valuable product of the farm immediately available for succumbing crops, and while thus increasing the yield also insures cleaner and neater premises and greatly economizes the labor of utilizing the manure.

Those of us who live on the plains, the prairie regions where a hill or bluff a hundred feet high becomes a landmark for all the country round, often have a longing for the hills and mountains of other sections—crave a vision of them as something which lifts us up from the dead level and monotony of level prairie landscapes. We then envy the dwellers among the hills, with their infinite beauty and variety of scenery, of cloud capped summits, of vistas of greenery fading away into the infinity of space, for the sense of shelter and protection which they give, forgetting all the barrenness, sterility, the painful effort of man to wrest a living from them, the impeded means of communication and transportation, the wrecking floods and all that. Still we love the hills, and as the Indian ever sought communication with his neighbor from their summits so is the white man lifted up and made better by vision of the hills.

THAT BOY.

"What to do with that boy" is a problem which confronts almost every man who raises one. The girls are expected to get married when the proper time comes and the right fellow comes around, and generally do, which disposes of them so far as parental responsibility is concerned, but the boy is a different proposition. He will be abundantly able to take care of himself, but his notions of life are too often faulty. Only a very small minority of the boys manifest a marked predilection and fitness for any particular business and, like young colts, may nearly all be broken in and trained for useful lives; but as with the colt, sense is required by the parent in a general way, for it would be folly to try to make a race horse out of a Percheron colt or a draft horse out of all should be insured a good healthy physique. If he takes to smoking cigarettes and bunning it, he should be reasoned with, and if that won't do the business it should be licked out of him. This, of course, is not pleasant, but it is often the best service the father can render his son. The boy should then be offered every possible facility for acquiring a good common school education at least, and something higher and better if it is possible to let him have it. The ignorant man is handicapped today as never before. Mere muscle means about \$350 per year; the educated hand and head can only make it more. Better start the boy into the world at twenty-one well developed mentally and physically without a dollar than to send him out ignorant and untrained with a thousand dollars.

FOR THE FARMER'S WIFE. A water supply and fuel are two things which enter very prominently into the domestic economy of every home, for water and fire every housewife must have, whether she presides over a shanty or a mansion. In lieu of providing these two essentials in domestic economy some very heavy and useless burdens are often placed upon wives and mothers who have enough to do even when these essentials are made as convenient as possible. We know of well to do farmers who have gone to a good deal of expense and trouble to pipe the water from their wells to their barns, so that a water supply may be handy for their use by just turning a faucet, who indifferently permit their wives to get the supply of water for the home as best they may from a well located ten rods from the house, men who will have their barns gutted and leave their wives to depend upon an old board and a rain water barrel for a supply of soft water. There are a few things which every farmer's wife has a right to demand. They are a hardwood floor for the kitchen or at least a linoleum cover for it, a good cistern, accessible by a pump in the kitchen sink; a supply of hard, or well, water under pressure where there is a windmill on the premises, and a convenient and ample supply of fuel, conveniently located. This making a woman lug water and split wood or hunt for fuel is a relic of barbarism. A young lady with a farmer on the string as a prospective husband will do well to have these things settled right before the parson gets in his work.

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Happenings in the County

Gathered by Special Correspondents In Many Towns

EAST TOWANDA.

Mrs. Charles Strickland entertained the Wysox sewing society last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cowles are spending the holidays with their daughter at Williamsport.

The children have a very interesting entertainment on Friday. School closed on Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. John L. Holmes was visiting her daughter Mrs. A. L. Sterigere, at Sayre, one day last week.

Little Ella Biles is ill.

Miss Fay Klump, who has been visiting friends at Dushore has returned home.

Mrs. Charles Hopkins and children are visiting friends at Sugar Run.

Mrs. Harry Clark was visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Allen, last week.

Mrs. D. Schoonover entertained the S. S. society at dinner last Thursday.

Peter Sterigere has purchased a new horse.

Miss Lena Hettick is ill.

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EAST SMITHFIELD.

The funeral services of Mahlon Stuart was held in the Baptist church last Saturday afternoon. Several years ago Wm. Stuart fell from a bridge that he was working on and he has never been able to do light work. He was universally esteemed.

Mrs. Martin, widow of the late Charles Martin of Brooklyn, died in that city Dec. 8. Mr. Martin lived in this place during the earlier part of his life and is well remembered by many citizens. He was the assistant engineer in the building of the famous Brooklyn bridge.

Willie Wood attended the meeting of the State grange at Erie last week.

Misses Hazel and Jennie Kitchen, of Ulster, have been visiting their cousin, Miss Bessie Mitchell.

Misses Lizzie and Villa Brown spent Saturday and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Smith, in Ulster.

Justin Gillett has been visiting in town.

It is a pity that more did not hear Dr. Griffin's lecture, which was replete with interest and instruction. He gave his hearers considerable knowledge of Japan as a country and nation.

There was a reception and donation at the Disciple church last Friday evening for the new pastor, Rev. Wm. Vanduser and family. It was a pleasant occasion.

The Farmers' Institute is to be in the town hall Jan. 6-7. Meals for the members of the institute will be served in the dining hall of the Disciple church.

The celebrated Orpheo Jubilee singers will give two concerts in the town hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, and the evening following. You cannot make a Christmas present that will afford half the solid enjoyment that tickets to these concerts will give. So treat your poor friends and relation with a present of a ticket.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentoville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by Turner the druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

MONROETON.

Mrs. Harley Cramer spent a few days last week with her brother at Luzerne.

Miss Daisy Minkos of Laceyville, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Boise, has returned to her home accompanied by Mrs. Boise Dean. Dean Boise of Williamsport, has also been visiting here.

Mrs. Henry Tray and Mrs. John Rockwell and son Henry, have been spending a few days with relatives in Scranton.

Mrs. Chaffee and son Roland Chaffee of Camptown, visited Mrs. George Landon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Landon entertained about 50 of their friends at progressive euchre at their home last Friday evening.

Miss Louise Flummerfelt is spending the holiday vacation with her parents at Tunkhannock.

A Lincoln Kirk, impersonator, will give an entertainment in Young's Hall Saturday evening, Jan. 7, 1905, for the benefit of the school in this place. Admission 25 cents; children 10 cents.

The Christmas exercises will be held in the churches here on Saturday evening.

Low Dunfee of the University of Buffalo, is spending his vacation at his home here.

Discovery of Anthracite Coal.

Anthracite coal was first discovered in 1791, and during this same year the business of marketing this new commodity was started. Today it represents an industry of wonderful proportions. It was in 1853 that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters was first introduced to the public, and because it contained true merit has progressed so rapidly that for many years it has occupied the first rank as a family medicine. It positive cures sick headache, heartburn, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, kidney ills, chills, colds and malaria. We urge all sickly men and women to try it for its well-deserving fair trial. For sale by all druggists and general dealers. Apply to any of them for a copy of our 1905 Almanac. It is free and contains valuable information.

WEST FRANKLIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Blackwell and Misses Katharine Blackwell and Mildred Shattuck left last Thursday for a week's visit with friends and relatives in Virtus, Pine City and Elmira.

Several from this place attended the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Lee Baume's last Wednesday at Baume's Mills.

B. E. Rockwell, the worthy overseer of Union Grange, and his wife attended the state grange held at Erie last week. They were accompanied by Worthy Master Fred Vanoy and wife.

The Sunday school will have their exercises and Christmas tree Friday evening, Dec. 23.

Miss Louise Brownson visited her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Shepherd in East Burlington, last Saturday.

Lehigh Valley Railroad.

In effect Dec. 4, 1904.

TRAINS LEAVE TOWANDA AS FOLLOWS

EASTWARD.
2:05 a. m., daily, Express for Allentown, Bethlehem, Philadelphia and New York and principal intermediate stations.
7:30 a. m., daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 7:34 a. m.) Local for Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations on main line.
7:55 a. m., daily, Limited express for Washington, St. Station 7:40 a. m.) Local for Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations via Berneise with connections for Williamsport.

9:15 a. m., daily, Express for Philadelphia, New York and principal intermediate stations, with connections for Reading and Harrisburg.
10:35 a. m., Sunday only, Local for Tunkhannock and intermediate stations.
11:13 p. m., daily, Limited express for Philadelphia, New York and principal intermediate stations, with connections for Reading and Harrisburg.

3:38 p. m., daily, Black Diamond Express for Wilkesbarre, Philadelphia and New York.
5:24 p. m., daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 5:27 p. m.) Local for Wilkesbarre and intermediate stations on main line.

5:30 p. m., daily except Sunday, (Washington St. Station 5:34 p. m.) Local for Berneise, Williamsport and intermediate stations.
11:03 p. m., daily, express for Wilkesbarre, Bethlehem, Easton, New York and principal intermediate stations.

WESTWARD.
1:30 a. m., daily, Limited Express for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and the West.
3:11 a. m., daily, Express for Buffalo and the West.
10:50 a. m., daily except Sunday, (East Towanda 10:40 a. m.) Local for Waverly, Elmira, Ithaca, Rochester, Buffalo and intermediate stations.
1:15 p. m., Sunday only, Local for Milan, Ulster, Athens and Sayre.

3:58 p. m., daily, Limited Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and the West.
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For other particulars apply to local agents.

CHAS. S. LEVE,
General Passenger Agent.

Susquehanna & New York R. R.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 4, 1904.

EASTWARD.
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PENNSYLVANIA NEWS.

Happenings All Over the State in Condensed Form.

A NEW POCONO RESORT.

Burglars Visit Berwick's Police Chief. Children Play With a Shotgun and One Has His Head Blown Off. Smart Aleck Trowned.

For stealing a horse and wagon Michael Leonard and Edward Kelly, convicted at Media, got nine years each in the Eastern penitentiary.

Two union agitators at Pittsburgh have been indicted by the grand jury at that place on the charge of conspiracy in inducing an employer to discharge a man because he was not a union member.

Edward Smith, a prominent coal operator at Wilkesbarre, died on Tuesday of last week.

Burglars attempted to force an entrance into the residence of Chief of Police Clayberger at Berwick, but were frightened off by the chief, who returned home while they were at work. He gave chase, but the burglars, two in number, managed to elude him in the darkness.

Miss Cassie Osterly, a pretty young woman of Chester was followed by a strange man while returning to her home Tuesday night. The man refused to leave her, despite her protestations, and finally she ran to her house and told her father, Andrew Osterly. Mr. Osterly went out with his daughter, grasped the man by the collar and made him apologize to the young woman. Then he threw him into a snow pile.

Rev. Gomer B. Mathews, pastor of a church at Lancaster, has resigned on account of differences in his church.

A new order to be known as the Bernadine Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Reading, Penna., is to be started. It will be a Polish order.

Daniel Adams, aged 5 years, had his head blown off at Laurytown near Hazleton by his younger brother, Harvey. The latter was playing with a gun which contained loaded shells and the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullets striking Daniel.

Some ten thousand children of the mine workers at the Cox Bros. Company collieries near Hazleton are to be made happy this Christmas by Mrs. Rebecca Cox, who is arranging to give each of them a present.

While seated with his family at the breakfast table, Samuel Elliot, of Conshohocken, fell to the floor and died before he could be placed on a couch.

From getting too near a bon fire little Mary Bramble of Chester got her clothing caught afire and was badly burned.

The largest "Christmas pay day" in Reading was that of Dec. 15, when \$120,000 was disbursed among the shop employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company there. Next day \$95,000 more was paid out. Altogether there are about 5,000 men on the pay roll.

On Dec. 5, Mary Chepla disappeared from her home in Plymouth, and her parents are anxious to learn where she is. She is 15 years old, five feet six inches in height, and at the time of her disappearance wore a heavy shawl, dark gray walking skirt and a thin blue waist.

Jacob Walmer, a Monroe Valley farmer, pleaded guilty at Lebanon to murder in the second degree in the killing of his neighbor and friend, William Mack, on July 21 last. The plea was accepted by the Commonwealth and Walmer was sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Harry Beisel was awarded \$1217 by a jury in court at Norristown against Montgomery township. In crossing a bridge which had no guard rail Beisel's team fell into the creek. Beisel received injuries that may make him a cripple for life.

A deal has just been consummated whereby 3000 acres of land on the Pocono mountains are taken by a number of capitalists who plan a new Pocono Mountain resort. The purchasers are the Tobyhanna Water Storage and Supply company.

John Duchman, aged 92 years, of Terre Hill, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in Pennsylvania in age and membership, is dead at Lancaster. He was initiated at Phoenixville in 1842.

Hugh A. Jones, the former chief clerk of the department of public works, at Scranton has been surrendered by his bondsmen. He is accused of padding the city rolls and of forging of endorsements on warrants. Jones spent all day Friday seeking to secure additional bail, but no one was willing to become surety for him.

Two men have been arrested at Scranton, charged with being connected with the Mafia.

Accidentally turning on the gas in his room in the Hotel Obold, at Hanover, then falling asleep, C. G. Mohr, of Reading, may die from the effects. He has been unconscious for fifty hours.

Newton Rearick, aged 24 years, was killed at Millmont, Union county, Sunday morning. Rearick was oiling machinery in a box factory, where he was employed, when his clothing caught on a shaft and he was whirled to death.

As a result of the report received at Connellsville from the Pasture Department of the Mercy hospital at Pittsburgh, that the dog which recently bit a large number of persons had hydrophobia, a general crusade has been begun against all the canines of the town. Five hundred dogs already have been killed.

CURVE STRAIGHTENED.

Lehigh Valley Will Change Grade and Cut at East Towanda.

Surveyors have been at work for some time at Towanda on Lehigh Valley work. A great many conjectures have been made as to whether this meant that the new railroad bridge would be built in the near future. The surveyors will not give out any information if they have any. They have been running lines up and down the river and across the bridges and between the bridges.

Whether it is the bridge that is being worked on it not known but it is pretty well assured that before many months a decided change will be made at the East Towanda crossing and the big curve there straightened. In order to do this the cut will be made north of the present one and will run south of J. V. Geiger's house and north of the Nobles place. The track at this curve is now some four feet higher than at the railroad bridge and this will be put on the same grade to avoid the heavy pulling that has stuck many an engine with a big train on at this point.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Officers Elected Last Week Tuesday for the Ensuing Year.

Towanda Council No. 532 Royal Arcanum held its annual meeting on Tuesday night of last week and elected the following officers for the year 1905.

Regent, J. M. Gillan; vice regent, T. M. Cuddy; orator, C. M. Woodburn; past regent, M. Hendelman; secretary, W. J. Breese; collector, Edward Frost; treasurer, W. G. Gordon; chaplain, A. D. Dyer; guide, W. B. Kelly; warden, L. Marks; sentry, L. C. Gillette; trustees, S. Braund, I. P. Spalding and M. J. Long; representative in grand council, W. J. Breese; alternate, C. M. Woodburn.

OIL OPERATIONS.

Two Parties Are Prospecting Near Laceyville.

A Mr. Nemo, of the firm of Nemo Bros. oil well drillers, of Allegheny, N. Y., was at Laceyville this week and closed a contract to put down a well on Hon. Jas. Rooney's flats back of the stock yard at Skinners Eddy. They will ship machinery at once and in less than two weeks expect to have two rigs in operation.

Frank Jennings of Mehoopany will set his rig on P. H. Brink's land just below the old ferry house at the Eddy. Mr. Jennings, aided by Ellick Howden, another old and experienced oil well driller, are now unloading machinery.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Corning Man Uses Razor on Himself at Apalachin.

William Pepper of Corning, who is visiting his father, Jasper Pepper, in Apalachin, N. Y., made a determined attempt to take his life Tuesday of last week. He made two deep gashes in his neck with a razor, severing a small artery and narrowly missing the jugular vein. He was cared for by Dr. E. W. Beach, who sewed up the wounds.

Pepper is a man about 30 years of age and is married, his wife being in Milan, Pa. He says that he will yet kill himself.

Had Him Up a Tree.

"Billy" Donevan, the popular baggage master on the Eaglesmere railroad, had quite an exciting experience while gunning one day recently. While crossing a field an angry bull pursued him and he was compelled to climb a tree in order to escape being tossed by the animal. After being kept prisoner for quite awhile Billy's dog appeared on the scene and succeeded in attracting the attention of his Bullship until his master was able to get on the other side of the fence.—Hughesville Mail.

Death at Wysox.

Hiram Dyer died at his home at Wysox on Thursday night at 10 o'clock of gangrene, aged 79 years. He was a stone mason by trade. He is survived by his wife and nine children, five daughters and four sons. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Wysox church; interment at that place.

Ring—Streby.

William Ring of Albany township and Miss Clara A. Streby, daughter of Editor and Mrs. George Streby of Dushore, were married on Wednesday morning of last week at the German Reformed parsonage, Rev. P. H. Hoover officiating. After a trip to Niagara Falls and other places they will commence housekeeping at the Ring homestead in Albany township.

Died at Bridgewater.

Mrs. Florilla (Sweet) Babcock died recently at her home at Bridgewater, near Montrose. She is survived by her husband, Willis E. Babcock, and one daughter, Mrs. Walter Talbot of Schenectady. The deceased was born at Pike, this county, 59 years ago but had lived the greater part of her life in Susquehanna county.

Death of Mrs. Vanness.

Mrs. Deborah Vanness died on Monday night of last week at the county house at Burlington. She formerly lived at Viall Hill. Friends took charge of the body and it was buried at the cemetery at Standing Stone Thursday.

Death at Saco.

Mrs. Timothy Gilfoyle of Ayers Hollow near Saco, died on Dec. 14, aged about 79 years. Funeral services were held on Saturday at Ulster.

A READING COURSE.

List of Books Selected by Principal Humphries.

MANY WRITERS BEST WORKS.

Selection Made From Requirements of Colleges for Entrance Examinations in English and American Literature.

The following list of books has been carefully prepared by J. H. Humphries, the principal of the public schools of Towanda borough. They are chosen with a view of their study and reading during the four years of the High school course and will be found of interest not only by the scholars but by all those who wish to know what is best in the various authors whose works are to be studied. There are several books in each year which are required and the others are suggested for reading. The required books are selected from those demanded by the leading American universities for entrance examinations. The list is as follows:

First Year.

(If not previously read.)

For study: Scott—Lady of the Lake, Ivanhoe. Shakespeare—Merchant of Venice. For reading: Hawthorne—Great Stone Face, Wonder Book, Gentle Boy, Tanglewood Tales, Twice Told Tales, Mosses From an Old Manse, House of Seven Gables.

Tennyson—Enoch Arden, Dora, Lady Clare, Lord of Burleigh, The Brook.

Lowell—Marjorie Daw, The Birch, The Oak, The Dandelion.

Whittier—Barbara Freitchie, Tent on the Beach, Snow Bound.

Longfellow—Wreck of the Hesperus, Paul Revere's Ride, The Tales of a Wayside Inn, Hiawatha.

Browning—Hervie Riel, An Incident of the French Camp, The Pied Piper of Hamelin, The Boy and the Angel, How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix.

Wordsworth—We are Seven, Intimations of Immortality.

Ingelow—High Tide Off the Coast of Lincolnshire.

Irving—Rip Van Winkle, Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Sketch Book.

Stevenson—Treasure Island, Child's Garden of Verse.

Kipling—Wee Willie Winkle and other Stories, Jungle Books.

Dickens—Christmas Carol, Cricket on the Hearth, Tale of Two Cities, Shakespeare—Midsummer Night's Dream.

Kingsley—Water Babies, Westward Ho!

Bulwer—Last Days of Pompeii. Austen—Betsy Alden.

Lamb—Tales From Shakespeare. Mrs. Gaskell—Cranford.

Poe—Fables of the House of Usher. Byron—Childe Harold.

Goldsmith—The Deserted Village. Burroughs—Sharp Eyes.

Hughes—Tom Brown at Rugby. Hale—The Man Without a Country. Dodge—Hans Brinker.

Scott—Quentin Durward. Jewett—Tales of New England. Warner—Being a Boy.

McDonald—Back of the North Wind. Grinnell—Story of the Indian.

D'Ancils—Cuore. Alcott—Little Women, Little Men. Gulliver's Travels, Robinson Crusoe, Swiss Family Robinson, Arabian Nights, Alice in Wonderland, The Prince and the Pauper.

For Study: Macaulay—Life of Johnson, Essay on Milton.

Ellet—Silas Marner. Coleridge—Rime of Ancient Mariner.

Tennyson—Gareth and Lynette, Lancelot and Elaine, The Passing of Arthur.

Burke—The Speech on the Conciliation.

For reading: Ruskin—Sesame and Lilies.

Lowell—Commemoration Ode. Warner—Back Log Studies.

Irving—Tales of a Traveler. Washington—Farewell Address.

Stockton—Rudder Grange Stories. Wordsworth—Intimations of Immortality and other poems. Other Lake Poets.

Palgrave—Golden Treasury. Gray—Elegy. Burns—Selected poems. Bryant—Thanatopsis and other poems.

Mrs. Browning—Lyrics, Sonnets, Cry of the Children.

Arnold—Essay on the Study of Poetry.

Longfellow—Miles Standish.

Plato—Apology.

Cooper—Leather Stocking Tales.

Brown—Rab and his Friends.

Franklin—Autobiography.

Stevenson—Kidnapped.

Longfellow—Evangeline.

Maupassant—Number Thirteen.

Pope—Hud II, vi. xxi, xxiv.

Scott—Woodstock, Kenilworth.

Muloch—John Halifax.

Roosevelt—Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail.

Roosevelt and Lodge—Hero Tales from American History.

Eggleston—Hoosier Schoolmaster.

Webster—Bunker Hill Oration.

Also all books not previously read in list of first year.

Third Year.

For Study—Tennyson—The Princess.

Addison—Sir Roger de Coverly. Goldsmith—The Vicar of Wakefield.

Shakespeare—The Merchant of Venice.

Coleridge—The Ancient Mariner. Carlyle—Essay on Burns.

Ellet—Silas Marner. Scott—Ivanhoe.

Lowell—Vision of Sir Launfal. For reading: Arnold—Sweetness and Light.

Pater—Essay on Style.

Austen—Emma, or Pride and Prejudice.

Holmes—Autocrat of the Breakfast Table.

Montaigne—Selected Essays.

Shakespeare—Twelfth Night and Macbeth.

Irving—Alhanbura.

Lowell—Critical Essays.

Henty—Wulf the Saxon.

Kingsley—Hereward the Wake. Emerson—Essay on Friendship. Dickens—Dombey and Son. Winthrop—John Brent. Blackmore—Lorna Doone. Curtis—True and I. Thackeray—The Newcomes. Macaulay—Lord Clive. Church—Roman Life in Days of Cicero.

Ebers—Uarda. Also books not previously read in list of first and second year.

Fourth Year.

For study: unless previously studied: Coleridge—Ancient Mariner. Goldsmith—Vicar of Wakefield.

Shakespeare—Macbeth, Merchant of Venice, Julius Caesar.

Lowell—Vision of Sir Launfal. Ellet—Silas Marner.

Carlyle—Essay on Burns. Tennyson—The Princess.

Macaulay—Essay on Milton and Addison.

Scott—Ivanhoe, Lady of the Lake. Burke—Speech on Conciliation.

Addison—Sir Roger de Coverly Papers.

Milton—L'Allegro, II Penseroso, Comus, L'Idiad.

For reading: Poe—Fall of the House of Usher.

Hawthorne—Great Stone Face, Gentle Boy, etc.

Wordsworth—Ode on Intimations of Immortality.

Palgrave—Golden Treasury. Bryce—American Commonwealth.

Black—Judith Shakespeare. Thackeray—Henry Esmond, English Humors.

Hawthorne—Marble Faun. Dickens—David Copperfield.

Ruskin—Sesame and Lilies, Work, Traffic and War.

Trench—Walden. Warner—My Summer in a Garden.

Irving—Sketch Book. Washington—Farewell Address.

Webster—Bunker Hill Oration. Hawthorne—Mosses From an Old Manse.

Newman—Idea of a University. Lowell—Essay on Democracy, Abraham Lincoln.

Trench—On the Study of Words. Ellet—Romola.

Emerson—Conduct of Life. Shakespeare—English King plays.

Stevenson—Virginibus Puerisque, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Sehurs—Abraham Lincoln. Lamb—Essays of Elia.

Abraham Lincoln—Gettysburg Speech.

Chaucer—Prologue and Two of Canterbury Tales.

Tennyson—In Memoriam. Browning—Rabbi Ben Ezra.

Malory—Morte d'Arthur. Prescott—Conquest of Mexico, or Conquest of Peru.

Spencer—Faerie Queene. Swift—Gulliver's Travels.

Scott—Marmion and books not read in lists for first, second and third years.

All but twelve of these books are now in the Towanda Public library and arrangements have been made to secure the remainder.

DEATH OF A. S. HOOKER.

Many Years Publisher of the Troy Gazette, and a Talented Writer.

Augustus S. Hooker of Troy, died on Sunday morning at the State hospital at Danville, where he had been a patient for several months, after an illness covering several years, aged 65 years.

Mr. Hooker was born at Leona, this county, on Jan. 9, 1840, the youngest child of Clark and Plavia Hooker, natives of Massachusetts. His ancestry is of English descent through Rev. Thomas Hooker, the celebrated preacher who came to Massachusetts Bay in 1633, and afterward led the emigration to found Hartford, Conn., in 1636. He early developed a literary bent and showed marked ability in his boyhood studies. As a young man he taught school at Paris, Ill., and Indianapolis, entering Genesee Wesleyan seminary at Lima, N. Y., in 1862. He also spent a year at Genesee college—now Syracuse university—and again taught school.

In August, 1866, Mr. Hooker became the owner and editor of the Northern Tier Gazette at Troy, continuing to be its publisher until about three years ago. Since that time his health failed rapidly. Mr. Hooker loved and lived in literary work. Probably no better informed writer on all topics ever graced Bradford county journalism. His line of work made him many friends among celebrated writers and artists, and he wrote and published several works, among the most important being a handbook entitled "Practical Talks to Amateurs on Art." "Leona Stories," and two volumes of "Select Readings," followed, but his most pretentious effort was a volume of over 600 pages entitled "Great Earthquakes and their Phenomena," inspired by and published at the time of the great earthquake at Charleston.

Mr. Hooker was married in 1867 to Miss Anna McBeath of Bath, N. Y., who died March 1, 1871. In 1872 he married to Miss Jane C. Doane of Leona, who survives him.

Funeral services were held at his late home in Troy yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock; interment at Leona.

Scranton's Manual Training School.

Work on the construction of the Manual training school, in Scranton, has been completed, and the machinery and equipments are now being installed. The building and equipments are the gifts of Mrs. W. T. Smith in memory of her husband, William T. Smith, one of the most prominent and public spirited citizens of Scranton during his days. The cost of the building is estimated at \$60,000 and the equipments and furniture about \$20,000 involving an outlay of about \$80,000.

More Murder.

The spirit of lawlessness that has marked its course in Lackawanna county with eight murders in a period of three weeks broke out afresh in Mayfield on Saturday. As the result of a quarrel there, which was born in a bottling establishment, two Arabians were shot. One is dying in the Emergency Hospital at Carbon-dale, but the other will recover.

JOHNSON IS GUILTY.

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ship and his knowledge of the time and place of the fire. He detailed his movements on the Sunday of the crime from the time he left his mother's house about 11 o'clock to come to Towanda, until he went to bed at Will Benjamin's between 10 and 11 o'clock that night. His story tallied exactly with those of the Will Benjamin family in all particulars, and if believed by the jury will form a complete alibi.

Mr. Lilley read many questions and answers from the confession already in evidence, and in answer to the question replied he might have so answered such question and made such statements, but that they were not true. That if he did admit that he and Alansca burned the house that it was not true. He had told this story and made the confession because Holton had said if he and Alansca made a statement they burned the house that was all they would be punished for; that Holton had said all the others had confessed and laid it all on to him. Mr. Lilley then said:

"Were you in any way concerned in the burning of that house and the killing of Maggie Johnson and Annie Benjamin?" The prisoner replied, "No, sir."

He then told of his being taken into custody, having come to his mother's house because Holton had sent word for him, of the trip to town, the taking of the photographs and the various interviews. He declared that at the time he did not know he was arrested, and that Holton had never yet read the warrant to him.

The prisoner's real ordeal began when Mr. Maxwell took up the cross examination. To all the questions as to having had a part in the crime he returned a denial. To a great many questions taken from both the statements in evidence he replied that he knew nothing about the affair, had nothing to do with it, and to the majority of them that he never so answered Mr. Holton. It was a general and particular denial of all the evidence so far produced against him. A very frequent answer to all sorts of questions was "I wasn't out of Will Benjamin's that night."

Commonwealth's Rebuttal.

The defense rested at the conclusion of Charley's examination. The Commonwealth then called several witnesses in rebuttal. Mrs. Elston Doane of Towanda, testified that on May 2, 1890, when she was employed at the county farm, Alanson and Nancy, then 8 or 9 months old were brought there. Superintendent Ed. Putnam also brought the poor farm record which gave the record.

William Zern, living half a mile from Will Benjamin's, went there Sept. 21; talked with George about the fire, and the boy told him Charley wasn't at their house that night.

Henry Benjamin, best known as "Chick," identified a pair of shoes as belonging to Mrs. Merritt and having been brought to him to mend. They are alleged to be stained with blood.

Mr. Holton testified that the road to Will Benjamin's was good for bicycle travel. Wm. Barnes testified that Mrs. Merritt had told him her idea that three or four had murdered the women, going into details. Richard Benjamin had talked about the fire with Mrs. Merritt and she had said she saw four or five men around there that night.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Pleas by Counsel Begun on Friday Afternoon.

The taking of evidence in the Johnson murder trial was finished Friday forenoon. At the afternoon session the attorneys submitted to the courts the points upon which they asked the jury be charged. District Attorney Mills made the first plea to the jury for the Commonwealth, and W. P. Wilson, Esq., made the first plea for the prisoner.

The morning session of the tenth day of the trial opened with a continuation of the Commonwealth's rebuttal. Stenographer J. G. Pratt was examined at length upon the statement made by Mrs. Will Benjamin, in which she said their clock was unreliable. Will said he didn't know whether they had supper before or after milking.

Mrs. Merritt's Testimony Rebutted.

Mrs. Alice Vanderpool of South Towanda, a friend of Mrs. Merritt's, swore that on the day after the fire she came to her house and in a conversation about it said: "I don't care so much about Maggie, but I did when I heard Little Annie cry out, 'Oh, let me go; don't kill me, don't kill me!'" Mrs. Buel Chapman, Alice Vanderpool's neighbor, swore to hearing a part of the talk.

Robert Westbrook was interrogated about the road to Benjamin's. Said it was in good condition and he had ridden a bicycle down it.

Another Contradiction.

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and hope that you think so. If you want us
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BRADFORD REPUBLICAN

TOWANDA, PA., DEC. 22, 1904.

Elkland has a new Shakespeare club.

Slot machines are now under the ban at Sayre.

Mrs. E. F. Overton of Laquin was in Towanda on Saturday.

Mrs. Hampton Updyke is at Dansville, N. Y., for treatment.

Rufus Thornton of Sayre was an Ochs House guest on Saturday.

Lock Haven has been enjoying some excellent home talent minstrels.

Solomon Aldrich, one of the oldest residents of Binghamton, is dead.

S. S. Cooper of Ulster is to have charge of a creamery at Avoca.

Herman Dodge, a seventeen year old Binghamton boy, has gone insane.

Rochester banks have \$14,000,000 more deposits than they had a year ago.

Mrs. F. C. Zeigler and child of Toledo were registered at Towanda Friday.

Mrs. S. O. Goodrich is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kattell, in Binghamton.

Miss Elita VanTassel of Binghamton died on Tuesday with the dread tuberculos.

Mrs. C. L. Finney and Mrs. L. R. Lantz of Wyalusing were Tidd House guests Friday.

The ladies of the Methodist church at Canton cleared about \$200 from their recent fair.

Bauer's band of Scranton will hereafter be connected with the Thirtieth regiment.

Perry Ellsbury, aged about 45 years, died Dec. 14 at his home at Oak Hill near Ulster.

The two year old baby of Mrs. Archie Mosher of Tioga is dead from eating strychnia tablets.

Mary Horton and Mrs. H. R. VanLoon of New Albany were registered at the Ochs House Friday.

Williamsport is talking of annexing the suburban towns in order to make a Greater Williamsport.

Lewis Moserip of Mercersburg, and George Moserip, employed on the engineer corps of the Ontario & Western railroad, are home for the holidays.

VanDyke's hardware store at Lock Haven was entered by burglars on Thursday night and over \$200 worth of goods, including nine revolvers, taken.

James Tyrell was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail by Burgess Macafee of Athens for being drunk. He was brought to Towanda by Chief Mulligan.

The Tunkhannock New Age says it is reported that a small vein of coal has been found at Carpenter Hollow, Wyoming county, not far from East Mountain lithia well.

Postmaster Byron G. Hahn, of Wilkesbarre, is making a fight to retain his position, despite the fact that Congressman Palmer has recommended Col. J. D. Laciur for the place.

The safe in the office of the Park Hotel at Sayre was broken open between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning and between \$10 and \$15 was secured by the safe breakers.

The small pox epidemic at Morris Run is yielding to the vigorous work of the local and state officials. There were a few new cases last week but the back bone of the epidemic is broken.

Thomas Keyser was riding a railroad bicycle on the rails of the Williamsport & North Branch road when without warning he was precipitated into Carpenter's run and narrowly escaped fatal injuries.

One of Jennings Bros. houses at Lopez, occupied by Mr. Northrop caught fire about five o'clock Monday morning and with all its contents burned to the ground. The family escaped with nothing but their night clothing.

Sayre Lodge, No. 337, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are making elaborate preparations for the sixth annual ball and reception of the brotherhood, to be given in the Trainmen's hall in the Talmadge building Friday evening, Dec. 20.

W. L. Higgs, of Wilkesbarre, won a piano valued at \$750 and \$240 in cash, offered as a prize by the Philadelphia Press to the agent outside of Philadelphia sending in the largest list of subscribers within a stated period. He had previously won a prize of \$100.

William Houck, an eccentric, but honest and well-to-do farmer residing near Richmondville, N. Y., recently sent \$1,000 to a book concern in Chicago and purchased a large quantity of books for free distribution among the churches of Schenectady county.

While attempting to take his father's 12-calibre revolver from a shelf on Tuesday Sylvester Sykes, the twelve-year-old son of Wesley Sykes, of Cataar, Clearfield county, accidentally shot himself, the ball entering his left breast. He was taken to the Lock Haven hospital.

A Prohibition enthusiast at Littleton, Adams county, secretly posted on poles throughout that town circulars containing the names of citizens who signed applications for hotel licenses. Attached to the names were such designations as "deacon," "elder," of the name of the church to which the party belongs.

**WIFE LET CIDER RUN OUT;
MADE HUSBAND ANGRY.**

Altercation Ensued in Which Husband Got the Worst of It.

Mrs. Mary Elmina Lamphere of Myersburg was brought before Justice Meredith Friday on a warrant served by Constable Hollon and made on complaint of the woman's husband Charles Lamphere, charging the wife with assault and battery. The husband alleges that his wife struck him with a stove shaker or knife and cut his forehead and that she had threatened his life.

Mrs. Lamphere on her part says that her husband got angry at her because she let the cider out of a barrel from which her husband had been drinking to excess. She says that she was cut by falling against a door. She says that she struck him because he had started to abuse her and that she did it in self defense. The hearing has been fixed for Saturday, Dec. 24, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock p. m.

THE STATE GRANGE.

Will Ask a Number of New Laws From The Legislature.

The principal business transacted by the state grange at Erie Thursday was the reading and adoption of the reports of several committees and the election of officers. The most important report was that of the legislative committee submitted by W. T. Creasy, ex-state chairman of the Democratic party. A few of the things it will ask of the next State Legislature are as follows:

Legislation to allow trolley companies to carry freight; favoring a tax of 1 mill on corporate and personal property for road purposes, and to distribute the same according to the public road mileage; favoring laws whereby all license taxes, personal property taxes and taxes on county and municipal loans be retained by the counties in which said taxes are collected; favoring legislation for the initiative and referendum. Favors building and maintaining of main roads by the State, and asks the national government to stop appropriating money for battleships and apply it to road building; favors an increase of state appropriations for schools and is opposed to a repeal of the Grout bill by congress.

The following have been reelected almost unanimously: Master, W. F. Hill, Franklin county; secretary, Jerome Tallman; lecturer, A. M. Cornell, Bradford county; treasurer, S. E. Nevin, Chester county.

DEATH AT SPRING HILL.

Mrs. Adin Lyon Passed Away at Her Home Here.

Mrs. Ella R. Lyon, wife of Adin Lyon of Spring Hill, died at her home in that place Saturday morning, Dec. 10, after a long illness of brain disease. Mrs. Lyon was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rockwell, one of the old families of that part of the county. About twenty-five years ago she was united in marriage to Adin Lyon, who with their three daughters, Alida, Ethel and Edith, survive her.

Mrs. Lyon was a member of the Presbyterian church at Merryall and was an active christian lady till failing health caused her retirement to her home. The funeral was held at the Spring Hill church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. M. L. Cook of Merryall, officiating; the interment was in the Spring Hill cemetery.

Death of Henry Kohensparger.

Henry Kohensparger died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Cook, at Athens, aged 81 years. His death was due to the infirmities incident upon old age. He had been a lifelong resident of Sullivan county and went to Athens about eight months ago to make his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Cook. A prayer service was held at the house Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock and Monday the body was taken to Nordmont, Sullivan county, for interment.

Death of Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Margaret Baker Dunn, wife of Hon. Henry T. Dunn of Brunswick, Ga., died at her home in that place on Dec. 11, aged 60 years. Besides the husband, one son, Frank A. Dunn, survives. Mrs. Dunn was born at Chemung, N. Y., and has many friends in this place where she has visited.

As It Affects Banks.

Last year Pittsburg banks that advertised in the newspapers gained 22 per cent in business and those that did not lost 7 per cent.

A five year comparison shows still more marked results in favor of publicity.

It pays for banks to advertise.—Buffalo News.

Death of Mrs. English.

Mrs. John English died at her home at South Branch, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1904, of heart disease, aged 62 years. She leaves a husband and three sons, viz: Cyrus and Tom of South Branch, and William of Waverly.

Will Winter in the South.

Mrs. Edward Overton, Miss Bess Overton and Roscoe Overton have gone to Raleigh, N. C. The ladies will spend the winter in the South and Mr. Overton will remain until after Christmas.

Stevens Post Installation.

Stevens Post G. A. R. No. 69 of Rome, will have a public installation of officers on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

REVIVALIST COMING.

Rev. C. H. Yatman of Ocean Grove To Be Here.

MEETINGS AT M. E. CHURCH.

Services Will Be Held Here Three Weeks in January—Evangelist Yatman Celebrated Preacher for Young People.

Rev. C. H. Yatman, D. D., of Ocean Grove, N. J., will conduct evangelistic services in the Methodist Episcopal church in Towanda for the first three weeks in January. While Mr. Yatman is of the Methodist denomination all Christian people will be cordially welcomed to the meetings.

Mr. Yatman is well known as the great Ocean Grove revivalist. He has, for many years, had charge of the young people's meetings at that famous resort. The church here is most fortunate in securing his services. He is not only a highly attractive speaker and an earnest worker in the cause but a man of cheering disposition and pleasing appearance and holds the deep liking of all his congregations.

In one of his recent addresses he said: "If the hand were placed upon the pulse of the world, the majority of mankind would show that it wanted to be good, and if Christian workers would only recognize this great truth, Christianity would make much greater progress." His purpose in making his addresses was to help the bad who wanted to be good and those who were good to be better.

It is expected that the distinguished evangelist's coming to Towanda will be followed by a great awakening, especially among the young people, to an earnest life for good. Mr. Yatman has often been referred to as the "Sunshine Evangelist." He has a warmth and brightness that cannot fail but attract many to think deeply on the cause that he so ably represents.

Mr. June's New Position.

Jesse G. June, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. June of this place, who has been acting as superintendent of the East-on Transit company and has had charge of the reconstruction of its lines, has again entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley. He has just been appointed division engineer of the Auburn division in New York state. Mr. June's headquarters will be at Auburn. The Eastern Free Press states that Mr. June's services in the reconstruction of the East Transit company were most efficient and that the best wishes of many friends will go with him in his new position.

Eighty Ninth Birthday.

J. P. Kirby's many friends here will read with pleasure the following from The Alameda Daily Ensign of Dec. 3: "J. P. Kirby of Central avenue reached his 89th birthday today, hale and hearty as he was 40 years ago. He transacted business concerning his vast estate with his attorney this morning and needed no directions whatever. Mr. Kirby is a crack wheel player and his opponents have to look sharp in the game of five hundred."—Bradford Star.

Owner Pays if Dog Bites.

The following will be of information to many a person who owns a vicious dog. In the case of Joseph Nor whose son was bitten by a dog belonging to William Mell, the jury in the court of common pleas at Carlisle, last Wednesday, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The father receives \$320 damages and the son \$100. The suit was brought for \$2,500 damages.

Had Narrow Escape.

Joseph Varner, a Lehigh Valley brakeman residing in Sayre, was struck by a switch engine in the Coxton yards Friday morning, knocked down, run over, dragged a long distance but he not only lives to tell the tale of his marvelous escape from death, but he has only a few small scratches on his skin to remind him that his life was in imminent danger.

Miles Covell Dead.

Miles Covell, aged 81 years, and one of the oldest residents of Bentley Creek, died at his home in that village Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Thompson of Wellsburg, and Miss Louise of Bentley Creek. The funeral was held at the house Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Bishop-Elect Manning Declines.

Rev. William T. Manning, D. D., of New York, recently elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Harrisburg, has declined to accept the office and another convention will have to be called to select a head for the new diocese. Dr. Manning states he believes it to be his duty to continue his present work.

In Jail for Costs.

Aaron Vanderpool was arrested Friday afternoon by Sheriff Robinson and Constable McCracken on a bench warrant for costs in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Charles Whitmiller for assault and battery in which Vanderpool was complainant. Aaron will sit out the costs in jail.

Joseph Head's Condition Worse.

Arthur Head received a telegram on Saturday afternoon, stating that his son Joseph A. Head, who has been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever in a hospital in Syracuse, had suffered a relapse. Mr. Head went to Syracuse Saturday night.

**TOWANDA YOUNG MAN WINS
SUCCESS IN ROME, ITALY.**

Andrew Brennan Ranked Among Very First in Moral Theology.

Andrew Brennan, son of James Brennan of Pratt avenue, Towanda, was tied for second medal in moral theology in an examination at the American college at Rome where he has been a student for the past three years. Mr. Brennan was not lucky enough to draw a medal which was won by John Hennessey of Buffalo. The announcement of Mr. Brennan's efficiency was made at the distribution of prizes among the students at all ecclesiastical colleges connected with the propaganda in the world. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Brennan was in competition with every student of moral theology in the Catholic colleges of the entire world.

Mr. Brennan will be congratulated upon his fine success by his many friends in Towanda. He was graduated from the St. Agnes school here with high honors and then attended Holy Cross college at Worcester, Mass. He then entered the Catholic seminary at Rochester and is now on his third year as a student in the American college at Rome where increasing numbers of American students preparing for the Catholic priesthood are going each year. Mr. Brennan was ordained on Saturday at Rome.

FIRST CONTRACT LET.

Development in the Binghamton-Williamsport Railroad.

A sub contract for the grading and masonry of fifteen miles of the proposed New York, Pennsylvania & Southwestern railroad from Wyalusing northeast, was let Thursday afternoon by the Colonial Construction company at Binghamton, says the Binghamton Republican.

The successful bidders were Allen, Donnelly & Co., of Easton, Pa. This is a combination of two firms, Allen and company, and Donnelly & Connelly, who are combined in the execution of this contract. They also have an option on two more miles of the work. Their outfit of steam shovels, cars, carts and teams will be moved to the job at once and it is expected that work will actually begin next week.

Engineer A. K. Harvey, of the road, is putting out five or six additional corps of surveyors to complete the revision of the survey and as fast as this is finished sub contracts for other parts of the work will be let.

It is expected that the stretches of the road between Williamsport and Dushore and Dushore and Wyalusing will be contracted for within the next few days.

Mr. Jackson, of the Colonial Construction company, says that by the first of January the largest part of the work will be under way.

DEATH OF MRS. BARSTOW.

Died at Home of Her Daughter in Pittsburg Dec. 15.

Mrs. Anna Fox Barstow, widow of D. Henry Barstow, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Thompson, in Pittsburg on Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, aged about 60 years. The body was brought to Towanda on Sunday on No. 4 in the afternoon and taken immediately to Oak Hill cemetery for interment.

Mrs. Barstow was the daughter of the late George Fox and lived in Towanda during the earlier years of her life. She was a woman of attractive ways and pleasant disposition and had many friends. She removed from this place to Easton, Md., about 20 years ago and since the death of her husband had made her home there until about a year ago when she went to Pittsburg to live with her daughter. Besides Mrs. Thompson, a son, David F. Barstow of Baltimore, survives.

Employment Regulation.

The following section of the act of state regulating hours of employment for men, women and children will be of interest: Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no minor male or female, or adult woman, shall be employed at labor or detained in any manufacturing establishment, mercantile industry, laundry, workshop, renovating works or printing office, for a period longer than twelve hours in any day, nor for a longer period than sixty hours in any week.

That Kissing Case.

Towanda Bradford county is becoming exceedingly modest. Last week that boro was so badly shocked because a young man kissed his best girl "on the street in a disorderly manner" that he was sent to jail 15 days for the act. If that had been a Honesdale youth he would have kissed the girl on the lips.—Honesdale Independent.

Interesting Advertisements.

A well known business man says of advertising: "It will pay even to keep the bare name of an establishment before the public in the columns of a great newspaper; but it will pay many times more to make the advertisement interesting and instructive."—Philadelphia Record.

Elders Ordained.

At the evening service in the Presbyterian church Sunday George T. Ingham and Frank H. Ott were ordained and installed as elders of the church. Dr. Stewart conducted the services. The installation of these gentlemen gives the Towanda church a board of seven elders.

Death of Ridgebury Man.

John O'Connor, of Ridgebury, died suddenly at Galeton, Wednesday night, and his body was taken to Wellsburg Friday night. Services were held at Ridgebury.

A MATTER OF HEALTH



RAILWAY TRAINING SCHOOL.

One to Be Established at Elmira in the Near Future.

Within a few weeks a railway training school will be opened in the arms' building on Main street at Elmira. This will be the first school of its kind ever attempted. The plan had its inception in the mind of one of the prominent railway men of the world and several railway experts have been engaged in adapting the text books and blanks to be used to the best advantage for the pupils.

When one considers the enormous investment of capital in the railways of this country (over \$12,000,000,000), the tremendous and steadily increasing volume of traffic handled and the constant demand on the part of the public for improvements in all departments of the service, realizing that the two prime requisites, safety and dispatch, depend almost entirely upon the intelligent and efficient service of the employees to whom is committed the care of the traffic, it does seem somewhat strange that no effort has heretofore been made to establish a school for training railway men.

TO SIMPLIFY THE BALLOT.

State Department Preparing Bill for Legislative Consideration.

The state department is preparing a supplement to the ballot law for the purpose of devising a ballot the voter of which can make no mistake in voting for all the candidates on the ballot, even though he marks his ticket for but one elector. Chief clerk Thorn says that it will be a pretty difficult matter so to frame this supplementary law, but he believes it possible to prepare a bill for presentation to the next legislature that will simplify the ballot.

At the recent election 140,000 voters voted for the electors and failed to vote for the state and county candidates, simply because they marked a cross in the square at the head of the electoral ticket and not in the squares in the first column of the ballot.

The purpose of the proposed bill is to simplify matters and prevent defective balloting of this character in the future.

SHOCKING FATALITY.

Edward Molyneux of Near Dushore Killed by Dynamite.

Edward Molyneux of Elkland township on the John Yonkin place just south of Dushore was instantly killed by the explosion of dynamite last week Wednesday. Molyneux was engaged by Bert Yonkin to dig a well and Tuesday evening placed a charge of dynamite in the bottom which failed to explode when lit, Wednesday morning Mr. Molyneux went down into the well and attempted to remove the dynamite when it exploded. He was horribly mangled and was killed instantly. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

Public School Vacation.

The Towanda public schools close for the annual holiday vacation this week, Friday, Dec. 23. They will reopen on Monday, Jan. 9, 1905.

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**PLANS FOR THE COMING
STATE LEGISLATURE.**

Governor Pennypacker Is at Work on His Message.

A Harrisburg news dispatch says that the announcement that Governor Pennypacker is engaged upon his annual message has caused much conjecture in political circles as to the recommendations which will be made by the executive to the Legislature when that body convenes on Jan. 3. As the Governor has already expressed himself in favor of a new senatorial and representative apportionment, this subject is expected to play an important part in his message. Action in this direction will have the support of the Allegheny delegation.

Abolition of Fees.

One of the features of the message will probably be a recommendation for legislation reducing or abolishing the fees of the insurance commissioner, secretary of the commonwealth, attorney general and secretary of internal affairs. Such a move would hardly be regarded with favor by the organization, but it is pointed out that legislation along this line could not become effective during the incumbency of the present administration.

Another radical step which the government is said to have in mind is the abolishment of the state board of charities, which he regards as a superfluous body with power to do little beyond making recommendations for appropriations which are almost invariably scaled down by the legislature.

More Bank Examiners Needed.

In view of the fact that since the appointment by the State in 1895 of bank examiners, the work of this department has doubled in volume, the Governor is expected to recommend the appointment of from five to ten additional examiners to the ten now serving.

Dissatisfaction with the "enabling act" passed by the last Legislature for a Greater Pittsburg leads to the belief that the Governor will advocate new legislation along this line. If the consolidation of the various boroughs around Pittsburg is accomplished to the full extent planned the new city will cover 250 square miles of territory.

Henry T. Walton will succeed himself as speaker of the house, and Senator Sproul, of Chester, is expected to take the place of John M. Scott, of Philadelphia, as president of the senate. After its first day's session the legislature will adjourn for two weeks, reconvening on January 17 when the balloting will be taken up for a United States senator in place of Mr. Quay.

RETURN FROM WILLIAMSPORT.

Men Who Inspected Proposed New Railroad.

Messrs. Chapman and Jackson of the Colonial Construction company, and Brintnall and Reynolds of the Cray Construction company, returned to Binghamton last week from their trip by team to Williamsport over the proposed route of the New York, Pennsylvania and Southern railroad, says the Binghamton Republican.

The party had a cold but an interesting trip. At various points along the line forces of men were found clearing the right of way. Matters of an engineering nature were studied in detail all along the route after leaving the state line. The men report that the road involves no very serious engineering problems. The present plan calls for several tunnels and a few deep cuts near the top of the mountain range at the head of the Loyalsock creek, but an effort will be made to eliminate some of the tunnels if possible.

It is claimed that the route from the state line into Binghamton has not yet been definitely settled and the first construction work will be done in Pennsylvania. Binghamton is after the repair shops of the road. A number of sub-contractors are preparing bids on the work.

Pupils Recital.

The piano pupils of Miss Cassada gave a recital at Mantua hall on Wednesday evening of last week which was most enjoyable. The pupils showed a fine degree of efficiency. Those who took part were Miss Cassada, Misses Loretta Burchill, Mildred Smith, Dora Malcolm, Marguerite Keating, Jean Holcombe, Winifred McMahon, Ellen Louise Pratt, Mary Keating, Eulalie Kizer, Alice Meredith, Joseph Keating, Eleanor Morris, Gertrude Holmes, Martha Meredith and Marguerite Lewis.

Charged With Perjury.

Warren Hall and his wife, Eunice Hall, were brought before Justice Meredith Friday on the charge of giving false testimony in the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Dickerson, who was accused of taking part in an attempted burglary at Towanda township in November. Dickerson was a time specified in the Towanda jail serving out a sentence for drunkenness. The Halls claim that they have simply made a mistake in the date when they saw Dickerson.

McCraney—Morton.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of H. DeWitt McCraney of New York city, to Miss Florence Lenox Morton of the same city. The ceremony was performed on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Mr. McCraney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCraney of this place while his bride is a popular New York young woman and prominent in social affairs. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. McCraney in Towanda will extend congratulations.

Buyers read the Reporter-Journal.

**SUICIDE AT NEW ALBANY
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

Herbert Sabin Hanged Himself in the Basement of His Own Home.

Herbert Sabin of New Albany, committed suicide Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock by hanging himself in the basement of his home in that borough. The act of self destruction is attributed to mental aberration caused by ill health and overwork.

Sabin and his family came to New Albany a short time ago from Binghamton, where he